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***AN ACT CONCERNING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) There shall be an Office
- 2 of Early Childhood. The office shall be under the direction of the
- 3 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, whose
- 4 appointment shall be made by the Governor. Such appointment shall
- 5 be in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of
- 6 the general statutes. The executive director shall be responsible for
- 7 implementing the policies and directives of the office. Said office shall
- 8 be within the state Department of Education for administrative
- 9 purposes only pursuant to section 4-38f of the general statutes. The
- 10 Office of Early Childhood shall administer the programs set forth in
- 11 sections 10-16n to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-16u 10-16w, 10-16z, 10-16aa,
- 12 17b-705, 17b-733, 17b-749, 17b-12, 17b-751, 17b-751d, 17b-751e and 17a-
- 13 248 to 17a-248g, inclusive, of the general statutes.

14 (b) The office shall be responsible for: (1) The delivery of services to  
15 children birth to five years of age, inclusive; (2) coordinating the  
16 enhancement and implementation of the Early Childhood Information  
17 System with the capability of tracking (A) the health, safety and school  
18 readiness of all children receiving early care and education from any  
19 local or regional board of education or any program receiving public  
20 funding, in a manner similar to the system described in section 10-10a  
21 of the general statutes, (B) the characteristics of the existing and  
22 potential workforce serving such children in any local or regional  
23 school district or in a program receiving any public funding, and (C)  
24 the characteristics of the programs in which such children are served;  
25 (3) developing and reporting on an early childhood accountability  
26 plan, in consultation with the Early Childhood Education Cabinet; (4)  
27 implementing a communications strategy for outreach to families,  
28 service providers and policymakers; (5) not later than January 1, 2015,  
29 beginning a state-wide longitudinal evaluation of the school readiness  
30 program examining the educational progress of children from  
31 prekindergarten programs to grade four, inclusive, including a study  
32 of the reliability and validity of the kindergarten assessment tool  
33 developed pursuant to subsection (h) of section 10-14n of the general  
34 statutes; and (6) developing, coordinating and supporting public and  
35 private partnerships to aid early childhood initiatives.

36 (c) Any local or regional board of education, school readiness  
37 program, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-  
38 16p of the general statutes receiving any public funding, or any child  
39 day care center described in subdivision (1) of section 19a-77 of the  
40 general statutes and licensed by the Department of Public Health,  
41 including any participating in a program administered by the  
42 Department of Social Services pursuant to chapter 319rr of the general  
43 statutes, shall ensure that all children and all staff in such center or  
44 program are entered into the Early Childhood Information System.

45 Sec. 2. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

47 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"  
48 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
49 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue  
50 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and  
51 Families, Commissioner of Construction Services, Commissioner of  
52 Consumer Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of  
53 Economic and Community Development, State Board of Education,  
54 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
55 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,  
56 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,  
57 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor Control  
58 Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,  
59 Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of Developmental  
60 Services, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of  
61 Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Commissioner of  
62 Housing, Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, the executive  
63 director of the Office of Early Childhood and the executive director of  
64 the Office of Military Affairs. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-7,  
65 "department head" also means the Commissioner of Education and the  
66 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

67 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the general statutes is  
68 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
69 *1, 2013*):

70 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer a priority school  
71 district grant program to assist certain school districts to improve  
72 student achievement and enhance educational opportunities. The  
73 grant program shall include the priority school district portions of the  
74 grant programs established pursuant to sections [10-16p,] 10-265f, 10-  
75 265m and 10-266t. The grant program and its component parts shall be  
76 for school districts in (1) the eight towns in the state with the largest  
77 population, based on the most recent federal decennial census, (2)  
78 towns which rank for the first fiscal year of each biennium from one to  
79 eleven when all towns are ranked in descending order from one to one

80 hundred sixty-nine based on the number of children under the  
81 temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of  
82 section 10-262f, plus the mastery count of the town, as defined in  
83 subdivision (13) of section 10-262f, and (3) towns which rank for the  
84 first fiscal year of each biennium one to eleven when all towns are  
85 ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine based  
86 on the ratio of the number of children under the temporary family  
87 assistance program as so defined to the resident students of such town,  
88 as defined in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, plus the grant mastery  
89 percentage of the town, as defined in subdivision (12) of section 10-  
90 262f. The State Board of Education shall utilize the categorical grant  
91 program established under this section and sections 10-266q and 10-  
92 266r and other educational resources of the state to work cooperatively  
93 with such school districts during any school year to improve their  
94 educational programs or [to provide early childhood education or]  
95 early reading intervention programs. The component parts of the grant  
96 shall be allocated according to the provisions of sections [10-16p,] 10-  
97 265f, 10-265m and 10-266t. Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of  
98 section 10-276a, the State Board of Education shall allocate one million  
99 dollars to each of the eight towns described in subdivision (1) of this  
100 subsection and five hundred thousand dollars to each of the towns  
101 described in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, except the  
102 towns described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not receive  
103 any additional allocation if they are also described in subdivision (2) or  
104 (3) of this subsection.

105 Sec. 4. Section 10-16n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
106 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

107 (a) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
108 Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of  
109 Early Childhood, shall establish a competitive grant program to assist  
110 nonprofit agencies and local and regional boards of education, which  
111 are federal Head Start grantees, in (1) establishing extended-day and  
112 full-day, year-round, Head Start programs or expanding existing Head

113 Start programs to extended-day or full-day, year-round programs, (2)  
114 enhancing program quality, and (3) increasing the number of children  
115 served. The [commissioner] executive director, after consultation with  
116 the committee established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,  
117 shall establish criteria for the grants, provided at least twenty-five per  
118 cent of the funding for such grants shall be for the purpose of  
119 enhancing program quality. Nonprofit agencies or boards of education  
120 seeking grants pursuant to this section shall make application to the  
121 [Commissioner of Education] executive director on such forms and at  
122 such times as the [commissioner] executive director shall prescribe. All  
123 grants pursuant to this section shall be funded within the limits of  
124 available appropriations or otherwise from federal funds and private  
125 donations. All full-day, year-round Head Start programs funded  
126 pursuant to this section shall be in compliance with federal Head Start  
127 performance standards.

128 (b) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood shall  
129 annually allocate to each town in which the number of children under  
130 the aid to dependent children program, as defined in subdivision (14)  
131 of section 10-262f, equals or exceeds nine hundred children,  
132 determined for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, an amount equal to  
133 one hundred fifty thousand dollars plus eight and one-half dollars for  
134 each child under the aid to dependent children program, provided  
135 such amount may be reduced proportionately so that the total amount  
136 awarded pursuant to this subsection does not exceed two million  
137 seven hundred thousand dollars. The [department] office shall award  
138 grants to the local and regional boards of education for such towns and  
139 nonprofit agencies located in such towns which meet the criteria  
140 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to maintain the  
141 programs established or expanded with funds provided pursuant to  
142 this subsection in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30,  
143 1997. Any funds remaining in the allocation to such a town after grants  
144 are so awarded shall be used to increase allocations to other such  
145 towns. Any funds remaining after grants are so awarded to boards of

146 education and nonprofit agencies in all such towns shall be available to  
147 local and regional boards of education and nonprofit agencies in other  
148 towns in the state for grants for such purposes.

149 (c) There is established a committee to advise the [Commissioner of  
150 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood  
151 concerning the coordination, priorities for allocation and distribution,  
152 and utilization of funds for Head Start and concerning the competitive  
153 grant program established under this section, and to evaluate  
154 programs funded pursuant to this section. The committee shall consist  
155 of the following members: (1) One member designated by the  
156 Commissioner of Social Services; (2) six members who are directors of  
157 Head Start programs, two from community action agency program  
158 sites or school readiness liaisons, one of whom shall be appointed by  
159 the president pro tempore of the Senate and one by the speaker of the  
160 House of Representatives, two from public school program sites, one  
161 of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate and  
162 one by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, and two  
163 from other nonprofit agency program sites, one of whom shall be  
164 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one by the minority  
165 leader of the House of Representatives; (3) one member designated by  
166 the Commission on Children; (4) one member designated by the Early  
167 Childhood Education Cabinet; (5) two members designated by the  
168 Head Start Association, one of whom shall be the parent of a present or  
169 former Head Start student; (6) one member designated by the  
170 Connecticut Association for Community Action who shall have  
171 expertise and experience concerning Head Start; (7) one member  
172 designated by the Region I Office of Head Start within the federal  
173 Administration of Children and Families of the Department of Health  
174 and Human Services; and (8) the director of the Head Start  
175 Collaboration Office.

176 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the  
177 Office of Early Childhood may adopt regulations, in accordance with  
178 the provisions of chapter 54, for purposes of this section.

179 Sec. 5. Section 10-16p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
180 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

181 (a) As used in sections 10-16o to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-16u, 17b-749a  
182 and 17b-749c:

183 (1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that  
184 (A) meets the standards set by the [department] office pursuant to  
185 subsection (b) of this section and the requirements of section 10-16q,  
186 and (B) provides a developmentally appropriate learning experience of  
187 not less than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred eighty days  
188 for eligible children, except as provided in subsection (d) of section 10-  
189 16q;

190 (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age  
191 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school  
192 pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and  
193 will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

194 (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more  
195 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or  
196 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,  
197 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to  
198 section 10-266p or in a former priority school district receiving a grant  
199 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and, on and after July 1, 2001,  
200 excluding such a school in a transitional school district receiving a  
201 grant pursuant to section 10-16u;

202 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district  
203 pursuant to section 10-266p or in a former priority school district in  
204 which forty per cent or more of the lunches served are served to  
205 students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches;

206 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for  
207 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review  
208 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,

209 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the  
210 [commissioner] executive director, in consultation with the  
211 Commissioner of Social Services, unless the context otherwise requires;

212 (6) "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year, except as provided in  
213 subsection (d) of section 10-16q;

214 (7) ["Commissioner"] "Executive director" means the [Commissioner  
215 of Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood; and

216 (8) ["Department"] "Office" means the [Department of Education]  
217 Office of Early Childhood.

218 (b) (1) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood  
219 shall be the lead agency for school readiness. For purposes of this  
220 section and section 10-16u, school readiness program providers eligible  
221 for funding from the [Department of Education] Office of Early  
222 Childhood shall include local and regional boards of education,  
223 regional educational service centers, family resource centers and  
224 providers of child day care centers, as defined in section 19a-77, Head  
225 Start programs, preschool programs and other programs that meet  
226 such standards established by the [Commissioner of Education]  
227 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood. The [department]  
228 office shall establish standards for school readiness programs. The  
229 standards may include, but need not be limited to, guidelines for staff-  
230 child interactions, curriculum content, including preliteracy  
231 development, lesson plans, parent involvement, staff qualifications  
232 and training, transition to school and administration. The [department]  
233 office shall develop age-appropriate developmental skills and goals for  
234 children attending such programs. [The commissioner, in consultation  
235 with the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the  
236 Commissioner of Social Services and other appropriate entities, shall  
237 develop a professional development program for the staff of school  
238 readiness programs.]

239 (2) For purposes of this section:



240 (A) Prior to July 1, [2015] 2018, "staff qualifications" means there is  
241 in each classroom an individual who has at least the following: (i) A  
242 childhood development associate credential or an equivalent  
243 credential issued by an organization approved by the Commissioner of  
244 Education and twelve credits or more in early childhood education or  
245 child development, as determined by the president of the Board of  
246 Regents for Higher Education, after consultation with the  
247 [Commissioners of Education and Social Services] executive director of  
248 the Office of Early Childhood, from an institution of higher education  
249 (1) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or State  
250 Board of Education, and (2) regionally accredited; (ii) an associate's  
251 degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood education or  
252 child development, as determined by the president of the Board of  
253 Regents for Higher Education, after consultation with the  
254 [Commissioners of Education and Social Services] executive director of  
255 the Office of Early Childhood, from such an institution; (iii) a four-year  
256 degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood education or  
257 child development, as determined by the president of the Board of  
258 Regents for Higher Education, after consultation with the  
259 [Commissioners of Education and Social Services] executive director of  
260 the Office of Early Childhood, from such an institution; or (iv)  
261 certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early  
262 childhood education or special education;

263 (B) From July 1, [2015] 2018, to June 30, [2020] 2023, "staff  
264 qualifications" means that for each early childhood education program  
265 accepting state funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces  
266 associated with such program's child day care program or school  
267 readiness program, (i) at least fifty per cent of those individuals with  
268 the primary responsibility for a classroom of children hold (I)  
269 certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early  
270 childhood education or early childhood special education, or (II) a  
271 bachelor's degree with a concentration in early childhood education,  
272 including, but not limited to, a bachelor's degree in early childhood

273 education, child study, child development or human growth and  
274 development, from an institution of higher education (1) accredited by  
275 the Board of Regents for Higher Education or State Board of  
276 Education, and (2) regionally accredited, provided such bachelor's  
277 degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for Higher  
278 Education and the Department of Education, and (ii) such remaining  
279 individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom of children  
280 hold an associate degree with a concentration in early childhood  
281 education, including, but not limited to, an associate's degree in early  
282 childhood education, child study, child development or human  
283 growth and development, from an institution of higher education (1)  
284 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or State  
285 Board of Education, and (2) regionally accredited, provided such  
286 associate degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for  
287 Higher Education and the Department of Education; and

288 (C) On and after July 1, [2020] 2023, "staff qualifications" means that  
289 for each early childhood education program accepting state funds for  
290 infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's  
291 child day care program or school readiness program, one hundred per  
292 cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a  
293 classroom of children hold (i) certification pursuant to section 10-145b  
294 with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood  
295 special education, or (ii) a bachelor's degree with a concentration in  
296 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, a bachelor's  
297 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or  
298 human growth and development, from an institution of higher  
299 education (1) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
300 or State Board of Education, and (2) regionally accredited, provided  
301 such bachelor's degree program is approved by the Board of Regents  
302 for Higher Education and the Department of Education.

303 (3) Any individual with a bachelor's degree who, on or before June  
304 30, [2015] 2018, is employed as a teacher by an early childhood  
305 education program that accepts state funds for infant, toddler and

306 preschool spaces associated with such program's child day care  
307 program or school readiness program and meets the staff  
308 qualifications required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of  
309 this subsection shall be considered to meet the staff qualifications  
310 required under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this  
311 subsection. No such early childhood education program shall  
312 terminate any such individual from employment for purposes of  
313 meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph  
314 (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. Any such individual  
315 who terminates his or her employment with such early childhood  
316 education program and accepts a teacher position at another early  
317 childhood education program accepting state funds for spaces  
318 associated with such program's child day care program or school  
319 readiness program shall submit documentation of such individual's  
320 progress toward meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth  
321 in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection in a  
322 manner determined by the [Department of Education] Office of Early  
323 Childhood.

324 (4) Any individual with a bachelor's degree other than those  
325 bachelor's degrees specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
326 subdivision (2) of this subsection may submit documentation  
327 concerning such degree for review and assessment by the [Department  
328 of Education] Office of Early Childhood as to whether such degree has  
329 a sufficient concentration in early childhood education so as to satisfy  
330 the requirements set forth in said subparagraphs (A) and (B).

331 (c) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
332 Commissioner of Social Services,] executive director of the Office of  
333 Early Childhood shall establish a [grant] program to provide spaces in  
334 accredited school readiness programs for eligible children who reside  
335 in priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p or in former  
336 priority school districts as provided in this subsection. Under the  
337 program, [the grant] funding shall be provided, in accordance with  
338 this section, to the [town] awardee in which such priority school

339 district or former priority school district is located. Eligibility shall be  
340 determined for a five-year period based on an applicant's designation  
341 as a priority school district for the initial year of application, except  
342 that if a school district that receives [a grant] funding pursuant to this  
343 subsection is no longer designated as a priority school district at the  
344 end of such five-year period, such former priority school district shall  
345 continue to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this subsection.  
346 [Grant awards] Awards shall be made annually contingent upon  
347 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. [The chief  
348 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools for such  
349 priority school district or former priority school district shall submit a  
350 plan for the expenditure of grant funds and responses to the local  
351 request for proposal process to the Departments of Education and  
352 Social Services. The departments shall jointly review such plans and  
353 shall each approve the portion of such plan within its jurisdiction for  
354 funding.] Local or regional school readiness councils may apply to the  
355 executive director for funding under this section at such time and in  
356 such manner as the executive director prescribes. The [plan]  
357 application shall: (1) Be developed in consultation with the local or  
358 regional school readiness council established pursuant to section 10-  
359 16r; (2) be based on a needs and resource assessment; (3) provide for  
360 the issuance of requests for proposals for providers of accredited  
361 school readiness programs, provided, after the initial requests for  
362 proposals, facilities that have been approved to operate a child care  
363 program financed through the Connecticut Health and Education  
364 Facilities Authority and have received a commitment for debt service  
365 from the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-749i,  
366 [are exempt from the requirement for issuance] are given priority for  
367 award of annual requests for proposals; and (4) identify the need for  
368 funding pursuant to section 17b-749a in order to extend the hours and  
369 days of operation of school readiness programs in order to provide  
370 child day care services for children attending such programs.

371 (d) [(1) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the

372 Commissioner of Social Services,] The executive director of the Office  
373 of Early Childhood shall establish a competitive [grant] program to  
374 provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs for eligible  
375 children who reside [(A)] (1) in an area served by a priority school or a  
376 former priority school, [as provided for in subdivision (2) of this  
377 subsection, (B)] (2) in a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are  
378 ranked in ascending order according to town wealth, as defined in  
379 subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, whose school district is not a  
380 priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, or [(C)] (3) in a  
381 town formerly a town described in [subparagraph (B)] subdivision (2)  
382 of this [subdivision] subsection. [, as provided for in subdivision (2) of  
383 this subsection. A town] An applicant in which a priority school is  
384 located, a regional school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c)  
385 of section 10-16r, for a region in which such a school is located or a  
386 town described in [subparagraph (B)] subdivision (2) of this  
387 [subdivision] subsection may apply for such [a grant] funding in an  
388 amount not to exceed one hundred seven thousand dollars per priority  
389 school or town. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period  
390 based on an applicant's designation as having a priority school or  
391 being a town described in [subparagraph (B)] subdivision (2) of this  
392 [subdivision] subsection for the initial year of application. [Grant  
393 awards] Awards shall be made annually contingent upon available  
394 funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. [The chief elected official  
395 of such town and the superintendent of schools of the school district or  
396 the regional school readiness council shall submit a plan, as described  
397 in subsection (c) of this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds  
398 to the Department of Education.] Local or regional school readiness  
399 councils may apply to the executive director for funding under this  
400 section at such time and in such manner as the executive director  
401 prescribes. In awarding [grants] funding pursuant to this subsection,  
402 the [commissioner] executive director shall give preference to  
403 applications submitted by regional school readiness councils and may,  
404 within available appropriations, provide [a grant] funding in excess of  
405 one hundred seven thousand dollars to [towns] awardees with two or

406 more priority schools in such district. [A town or regional school  
407 readiness council] Entities awarded [a grant] funds pursuant to this  
408 subsection shall use the funds to purchase spaces for such children  
409 from providers of accredited school readiness programs.

410 [(2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,  
411 commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, if a town  
412 received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and is  
413 no longer eligible to receive such a grant, the town may receive a  
414 phase-out grant for each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal  
415 year such town received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
416 this subsection.

417 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as  
418 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town  
419 received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in  
420 an amount that does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the grant  
421 amount such town received for the town or school's final year of  
422 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the  
423 second fiscal year following the fiscal year such town received its final  
424 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that  
425 does not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received  
426 for the town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to  
427 subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (iii) for the third fiscal year  
428 following the fiscal year such town received its final grant pursuant to  
429 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed  
430 twenty-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for the  
431 town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
432 this subsection.

433 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year  
434 thereafter, any town that received a grant pursuant to subparagraph  
435 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the fiscal year ending June  
436 30, 2010, shall continue to receive a grant under this subsection even if  
437 the town no longer meets the criteria for such grant pursuant to

438 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.]

439 (e) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year  
440 thereafter, priority school districts and former priority school districts  
441 shall receive grants based on the sum of the products obtained by (A)  
442 multiplying the district's number of contracted slots on March thirtieth  
443 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid,  
444 by the per child cost pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of  
445 section 10-16q, except that such per child cost shall be reduced for slots  
446 that are less than year-round, and (B) multiplying the number of  
447 additional or decreased slots the districts have requested for the fiscal  
448 year in which the grant is to be paid by the per child cost pursuant to  
449 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-16q, except such per  
450 child cost shall be reduced for slots that are less than year-round. If  
451 said sum exceeds the available appropriation, such number of  
452 requested additional slots shall be reduced, as determined by the  
453 [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of Early  
454 Childhood, to stay within the available appropriation.

455 (2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of  
456 this section are not expended, the [Commissioner of Education]  
457 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may deposit such  
458 unexpended funds in the account established under section 10-16aa  
459 and use such unexpended funds in accordance with the provisions of  
460 section 10-16aa.

461 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year  
462 thereafter, if funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of  
463 this section are not expended, an amount up to five hundred thousand  
464 dollars of such unexpended funds may be available for the provision  
465 of professional development for early childhood education program  
466 providers offered by a professional development and program  
467 improvement system within the Connecticut State University System  
468 and available for use in accordance with the provisions of this  
469 subparagraph for the subsequent fiscal year. The [Commissioner of

470 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may use  
471 such unexpended funds on and after July 1, 2012, [in consultation with  
472 the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education,] to  
473 support early childhood education programs accepting state funds in  
474 satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of subparagraphs (B)  
475 and (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section. The  
476 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood shall use any  
477 such funds to provide assistance to individual staff members, giving  
478 priority to those staff members attending an institution of higher  
479 education (1) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
480 or State Board of Education, and (2) regionally accredited, at a  
481 maximum of five thousand dollars per staff member per year for the  
482 cost of higher education courses leading to a bachelor's degree or, not  
483 later than December 31, [2013] 2016, an associate's degree, as such  
484 degrees are described in said subparagraphs (B) and (C) at an in-state  
485 public institution of higher education or a Connecticut-based for-profit  
486 or nonprofit institution of higher education, provided such staff  
487 members have applied for all available federal and state scholarships  
488 and grants, and such assistance does not exceed such staff members'  
489 financial need. Individual staff members shall apply for such  
490 unexpended funds in a manner determined by the [Department of  
491 Education] Office of Early Childhood. The [Commissioner of  
492 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall  
493 determine [, in consultation with the president of the Board of Regents  
494 for Higher Education,] how such unexpended funds shall be  
495 distributed.

496 (C) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of this  
497 section are not expended pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,  
498 deposited pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or used  
499 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the [Commissioner  
500 of Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may  
501 use such unexpended funds to support local school readiness  
502 programs. The [commissioner] executive director may use such funds



503 for purposes including, but not limited to, (i) assisting local school  
504 readiness programs in meeting and maintaining accreditation  
505 requirements, (ii) providing training in implementing the preschool  
506 assessment and curriculum frameworks, including training to enhance  
507 literacy teaching skills, (iii) developing a state-wide preschool  
508 curriculum, (iv) developing student assessments for students in grades  
509 kindergarten to two, inclusive, (v) developing and implementing best  
510 practices for parents in supporting preschool and kindergarten student  
511 learning, (vi) developing and implementing strategies for children to  
512 transition from preschool to kindergarten, (vii) providing for  
513 professional development, including assisting in career ladder  
514 advancement, for school readiness staff, and (viii) providing  
515 supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for grants  
516 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

517 [(3) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal  
518 years ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2013, inclusive, the Department  
519 of Education may retain up to one hundred ninety-eight thousand two  
520 hundred dollars of the amount appropriated for purposes of this  
521 section for coordination, program evaluation and administration.]

522 (f) Any school readiness program that receives funds pursuant to  
523 this section or section 10-16u shall not discriminate on the basis of race,  
524 color, national origin, gender, religion or disability. For purposes of  
525 this section, a nonsectarian program means any public or private  
526 school readiness program that is not violative of the Establishment  
527 Clause of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut or the  
528 Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the United States of  
529 America.

530 (g) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, no funds received by  
531 a [town] school readiness council pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of  
532 this section or section 10-16u shall be used to supplant federal, state or  
533 local funding received by such [town] school readiness council for  
534 early childhood education, provided a [town] school readiness council

535 may use an amount determined in accordance with this subsection for  
536 coordination, program evaluation and administration. Such amount  
537 shall be at least twenty-five thousand dollars but not more than  
538 seventy-five thousand dollars and shall be determined by the  
539 [Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of  
540 Social Services,] Office of Early Childhood based on the school  
541 readiness grant award allocated to the [town] school readiness council  
542 pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u and  
543 the number of operating sites for coordination, program evaluation  
544 and administration. Such amount shall be increased by an amount  
545 equal to local funding provided for early childhood education  
546 coordination, program evaluation and administration, not to exceed  
547 twenty-five thousand dollars. [Each town that receives a grant  
548 pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u shall  
549 designate a person to be responsible for such coordination, program  
550 evaluation and administration and to act as a liaison between the town  
551 and the Departments of Education and Social Services.] Each school  
552 readiness program that receives funds pursuant to this section or  
553 section 10-16u shall provide information to the [department] office or  
554 the school readiness council, as requested, that is necessary for  
555 purposes of any school readiness program evaluation.

556 [(h) For the first three years a town receives grants pursuant to this  
557 section, such grants may be used, with the approval of the  
558 commissioner, to prepare a facility or staff for operating a school  
559 readiness program and shall be adjusted based on the number of days  
560 of operation of a school readiness program if a shorter term of  
561 operation is approved by the commissioner.

562 (i) A town may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible  
563 children who reside in such town at an accredited school readiness  
564 program located in another town. A regional school readiness council  
565 may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible children who  
566 reside in the region covered by the council at an accredited school  
567 readiness program located outside such region.]

568        [(j)] (h) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded  
569        pursuant to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students  
570        for purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the  
571        determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision  
572        (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

573        [(k)] (i) Up to two per cent of the amount of the appropriation for  
574        this section may be allocated to the competitive [grant] program  
575        pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. The determination of the  
576        amount of such allocation shall be made on or before August first.

577        Sec. 6. Section 10-16q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
578        following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

579        (a) Each school readiness program shall include: (1) A plan for  
580        collaboration with other community programs and services, including  
581        public libraries, and for coordination of resources in order to facilitate  
582        full-day and year-round child care and education programs for  
583        children of working parents and parents in education or training  
584        programs; (2) parent involvement, parenting education and outreach;  
585        (3) (A) record-keeping policies that require documentation of the name  
586        and address of each child's doctor, primary care provider and health  
587        insurance company and information on whether the child is  
588        immunized and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early  
589        and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program  
590        under 42 USC 1396d, and (B) referrals for health services, including  
591        referrals for appropriate immunizations and screenings; (4) a plan for  
592        the incorporation of appropriate preliteracy practices and teacher  
593        training in such practices; (5) nutrition services; (6) referrals to family  
594        literacy programs that incorporate adult basic education and provide  
595        for the promotion of literacy through access to public library services;  
596        (7) admission policies that promote enrollment of children from  
597        different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and from other  
598        communities; (8) a plan of transition for participating children from the  
599        school readiness program to kindergarten and provide for the transfer

600 of records from the program to the kindergarten program; (9) a plan  
601 for professional development for staff, including, but not limited to,  
602 training (A) in preliteracy skills development, and (B) designed to  
603 assure respect for racial and ethnic diversity; (10) a sliding fee scale for  
604 families participating in the program pursuant to section 17b-749d;  
605 and (11) an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. [On  
606 and after July 1, 2000, school readiness programs shall use the  
607 assessment measures developed pursuant to section 10-16s in  
608 conducting their annual evaluations.]

609 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of  
610 the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood school  
611 readiness component of the program offered by a school readiness  
612 provider shall not exceed six thousand six hundred fifty dollars.

613 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year  
614 thereafter, the per child cost of the [Department of Education] Office of  
615 Early Childhood school readiness program offered by a school  
616 readiness provider shall not exceed eight thousand three hundred  
617 forty-six dollars.

618 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section 10-  
619 16p, the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood shall not  
620 provide funding to any school readiness provider that (A) on or before  
621 January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to provide  
622 school readiness services pursuant to this section and is not accredited  
623 on January 1, 2007, or (B) after January 1, 2004, first entered into a  
624 contract with a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to  
625 this section and does not become accredited by the date three years  
626 after the date on which the provider first entered into such a contract,  
627 except that the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the  
628 Office of Early Childhood may grant an extension of time for a school  
629 readiness program to become accredited or reaccredited, provided (i)  
630 prior to such extension, the [Department of Education] Office of Early  
631 Childhood conducts an on-site assessment of any such program and

632 maintains a report of such assessment completed in a uniform manner,  
633 as prescribed by the [commissioner] executive director, that includes a  
634 list of conditions such program must fulfill to become accredited or  
635 reaccredited, (ii) on or before June 30, 2014, the program is licensed by  
636 the Department of Public Health if required to be licensed by chapter  
637 368a, and on and after July 1, 2014, the program is licensed by the  
638 Office of Early Childhood if required to be licensed by chapter 368a,  
639 (iii) the program has a corrective action plan that shall be prescribed by  
640 and monitored by the [Commissioner of Education] Office of Early  
641 Childhood, and (iv) the program meets such other conditions as may  
642 be prescribed by the [commissioner] executive director. During the  
643 period of such extension, such program shall be eligible for funding  
644 pursuant to said section 10-16p.

645 (4) A school readiness provider may provide child day care services  
646 and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject to such  
647 per child cost limitation.

648 (c) A local or regional board of education may implement a sliding  
649 fee scale for the cost of services provided to children enrolled in a  
650 school readiness program.

651 (d) [A town or school readiness council] Awardees may file a  
652 waiver application to the [Department of Education] Office of Early  
653 Childhood on forms provided by the [department] office for the  
654 purpose of seeking approval of a school readiness schedule that varies  
655 from the minimum hours and number of days provided for in  
656 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-16p or from the  
657 definition of a year-round program pursuant to subdivision (7) of said  
658 subsection (a). The [Department of Education] Office of Early  
659 Childhood may [, in consultation with the Department of Social  
660 Services,] approve any such waiver if the [departments find] office  
661 finds that the proposed schedule meets the purposes set forth in the  
662 provisions of section 10-16o concerning the development of school  
663 readiness programs and maximizes available dollars to serve more

664 children or address community needs.

665 Sec. 7. Section 10-16r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
666 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

667 (a) [A town] An entity seeking to apply for [a grant] funding  
668 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16p or section 10-16u shall  
669 convene a local school readiness council or shall establish a regional  
670 school readiness council pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any  
671 other [town] entity may convene such a council. The chief elected  
672 official of the town or, in the case of a regional school district, the chief  
673 elected officials of the towns in the school district and the  
674 superintendent of schools for the school district shall jointly appoint  
675 and convene such council. Each school readiness council shall be  
676 composed of: (1) The chief elected official, or the official's designee; (2)  
677 the superintendent of schools, or a management level staff person as  
678 the superintendent's designee; (3) parents; (4) representatives from  
679 local programs such as Head Start, family resource centers, nonprofit  
680 and for-profit child day care centers, group day care homes,  
681 prekindergarten and nursery schools, and family day care home  
682 providers; (5) a representative from a health care provider in the  
683 community; and (6) other representatives from the community who  
684 provide services to children. The chief elected official shall designate  
685 the chairperson of the school readiness council.

686 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make  
687 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of  
688 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any  
689 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, 10-16u, 17b-749a  
690 and 17b-749c; (2) foster partnerships among providers of school  
691 readiness programs; (3) assist in the identification of (A) the need for  
692 school readiness programs and the number of children not being  
693 served by such a program, and (B) for priority school districts  
694 pursuant to section 10-266p, the number of children not being served  
695 by such a program and the estimated operating cost of providing

696 universal school readiness to eligible children in such districts who are  
697 not being served; (4) submit biennial reports to the [Department of  
698 Education] Office of Early Childhood on the number and location of  
699 school readiness spaces and estimates of future needs; (5) submit  
700 biennial reports on factors identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of this  
701 subsection; (6) cooperate with the [department] office in any program  
702 evaluation [and, on and after July 1, 2000, use measures developed  
703 pursuant to section 10-16s] for purposes of evaluating the effectiveness  
704 of school readiness programs; (7) identify existing and prospective  
705 resources and services available to children and families; (8) facilitate  
706 the coordination of the delivery of services to children and families,  
707 including (A) referral procedures, and (B) before and after-school child  
708 care for children attending kindergarten programs; (9) exchange  
709 information with other councils, the community and organizations  
710 serving the needs of children and families; (10) make  
711 recommendations to school officials concerning transition from school  
712 readiness programs to kindergarten; and (11) encourage public  
713 participation.

714 (c) Two or more towns or school districts and appropriate  
715 representatives of groups or entities interested in early childhood  
716 education in a region may establish a regional school readiness  
717 council. If a priority school is located in at least one of such school  
718 districts, the regional school readiness council may apply for a grant  
719 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-16p. The regional school  
720 readiness council may perform the duties outlined in subdivisions (2)  
721 to (10), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section.

722 Sec. 8. Section 10-16s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
723 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

724 [(a)] The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood and the  
725 Commissioners of Education, [and] Children and Families, Social  
726 Services and Public Health shall develop an agreement to define the  
727 duties and responsibilities of their departments concerning [school

728 readiness programs] implementation of a comprehensive early  
729 childhood system. The executive director and commissioners shall  
730 consult with other affected state agencies. [The agreement shall  
731 include, but not be limited to, a multiyear interagency agreement to  
732 establish and implement an integrated school readiness plan.  
733 Functions to be described and responsibilities to be undertaken by the  
734 two departments shall be delineated in the agreement. On or before  
735 January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the Commissioners of  
736 Education and Social Services shall submit such agreement, in  
737 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the Early Childhood  
738 Education Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z, and to the  
739 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
740 of matters relating to education and human services.]

741 [(b) On or before January 1, 2008, the commissioners shall adopt  
742 assessment measures of school readiness programs for use by such  
743 programs in conducting their annual evaluations pursuant to section  
744 10-16q. The commissioners may adopt the assessment measures used  
745 for Head Start programs.]

746 Sec. 9. Section 10-16u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
747 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

748 For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2002] 2014, and each fiscal year  
749 thereafter, the [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
750 Commissioner of Social Services,] executive director of the Office of  
751 Early Childhood shall provide [grants] funding, within available  
752 appropriations, to eligible school readiness program providers  
753 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-16p to provide spaces in  
754 accredited school readiness programs for eligible children who reside  
755 in transitional school districts pursuant to section 10-263c, except for  
756 transitional school districts eligible for [grants] funding pursuant to  
757 subsection (c) of section 10-16p. Under the program, [the grant]  
758 funding shall be provided to the [town] awardee in which such  
759 transitional school district is located. Eligibility shall be determined for



760 a five-year period based on a school district's designation as a  
761 transitional school district in the initial year of application, except that  
762 [grants] funding pursuant to this section shall not be provided for  
763 transitional school districts eligible for [grants] funding pursuant to  
764 subsection (c) of said section 10-16p. [Grant awards] Awards shall be  
765 made annually contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory  
766 annual evaluation. [The chief elected official of such town and the  
767 superintendent of schools for such transitional school district shall  
768 submit a plan for the expenditure of grant funds and responses to the  
769 local request for proposal process to the Departments of Education and  
770 Social Services. The departments shall jointly review such plans and  
771 shall each approve the portion of such plan within its jurisdiction for  
772 funding. The plan] Local or regional school readiness councils may  
773 apply to the executive director for funding under this section at such  
774 time and in such manner as the executive director prescribes. The  
775 application shall meet the requirements specified in subsection (c) of  
776 said section 10-16p.

777 Sec. 10. Section 10-16w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
778 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

779 Within available appropriations, the [Commissioner of Education]  
780 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall provide  
781 technical assistance and training to school readiness programs to assist  
782 in the application of preschool curriculum guidelines adopted by the  
783 State Board of Education.

784 Sec. 11. Section 10-16z of the general statutes is repealed and the  
785 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

786 (a) There is established the Early Childhood Education Cabinet. The  
787 cabinet shall consist of: (1) The executive director of the Office of Early  
788 Childhood, or the executive director's designee, (2) the Commissioner  
789 of Education, or the commissioner's designee, [(2) one representative  
790 from the Department of Education who is responsible for programs

791 required under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20  
792 USC 1400 et seq., as amended from time to time, appointed by the  
793 Commissioner of Education,] (3) the Commissioner of Social Services,  
794 or the commissioner's designee, (4) [a representative from an  
795 institution of higher education in this state appointed by the president  
796 of the Board of Regents for Higher Education] the president of the  
797 Board of Regents for Higher Education, or the president's designee, (5)  
798 the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, (6)  
799 the Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's  
800 designee, (7) the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the  
801 commissioner's designee, (8) the [executive director of the Commission  
802 on Children, or the executive director's designee] Secretary of the  
803 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (9) the  
804 project director of the Connecticut Head Start State Collaboration  
805 Office, (10) a parent or guardian of a child who attends or attended a  
806 school readiness program appointed by the minority leader of the  
807 House of Representatives, (11) a representative of a local provider of  
808 early childhood education appointed by the minority leader of the  
809 Senate, (12) a representative of [the Connecticut Family Resource  
810 Center Alliance] a local education agency in an Alliance District  
811 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, (13)  
812 a [representative of a state funded child care center] parent of a child  
813 attending a public elementary school in an Alliance district appointed  
814 by the majority leader of the Senate, (14) [two] a member of the House  
815 of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of  
816 Representatives, [one of whom is a member of the House of  
817 Representatives and one of whom is a parent who has a child  
818 attending a school in a priority school district, (15) two] (15) a member  
819 of the Senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,  
820 [one of whom is a member of the Senate and one of whom is a  
821 representative of a public elementary school with a prekindergarten  
822 program,] and (16) two appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a  
823 representative of the Connecticut Head Start Association and one of  
824 whom is a representative of the business or philanthropic community

825 in this state, [ and (17) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
826 Management, or the secretary's designee. The chairperson of the  
827 council shall be appointed from among its members by the Governor.]

828 (b) The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood  
829 Education shall serve as the cochairperson of the cabinet. The other  
830 cochairperson of the cabinet shall be appointed from among its  
831 members by the Governor. The cabinet shall meet at least quarterly.  
832 Members shall not be compensated for their services. Any member  
833 who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend  
834 fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be  
835 deemed to have resigned from office.

836 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Within available appropriations and such private funding as  
837 may be available, the Early Childhood Education Cabinet shall (1)  
838 [coordinate among state agencies, as well as public and private  
839 partnerships, the development of services that enhance the health,  
840 safety and learning of children from birth to nine years of age,  
841 inclusive] develop and recommend policy to promote an effective and  
842 cohesive early childhood system, (2) not later than December 1, 2009,  
843 and annually thereafter, develop an annual plan of action that assigns  
844 the appropriate state agency to complete the tasks specified in the  
845 federal Head Start Act of 2007, P.L. 110-134, as amended from time to  
846 time, and (3) not later than March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter,  
847 submit an annual state-wide strategic report, pursuant to said federal  
848 Head Start Act, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,  
849 addressing the progress such agencies have made toward the  
850 completion of such tasks outlined under said federal Head Start Act  
851 and this subsection to the Governor and the joint standing committees  
852 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
853 education and human services.

854 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The Early Childhood Education Cabinet shall be within the  
855 [Department of Education for administrative purposes only] Office of  
856 Early Childhood.

857 Sec. 12. Section 10-16aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
858 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

859 There is established an account to be known as the competitive  
860 [district grant] school readiness account which shall be a separate,  
861 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall  
862 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account.  
863 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the [Commissioner of  
864 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood for the  
865 purposes of providing [grants] funding to competitive school districts  
866 to make slots available in preschool school readiness programs. For  
867 purposes of this section, "competitive school district" means a school  
868 district described in [subdivision (1) of] subsection (d) of section 10-  
869 16p that has more than nine thousand students enrolled in schools in  
870 the district.

871 Sec. 13. Section 17b-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
872 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

873 The Department of Social Services is designated as the state agency  
874 for the administration of (1) [the child care development block grant  
875 pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990;  
876 (2)] the Connecticut energy assistance program pursuant to the Low  
877 Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981; [(3)] (2) programs for the  
878 elderly pursuant to the Older Americans Act; [(4)] (3) the state plan for  
879 vocational rehabilitation services for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
880 1994; [(5)] (4) the refugee assistance program pursuant to the Refugee  
881 Act of 1980; [(6)] (5) the legalization impact assistance grant program  
882 pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; [(7)] (6)  
883 the temporary assistance for needy families program pursuant to the  
884 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of  
885 1996; [(8)] (7) the Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the Social  
886 Security Act; [(9)] (8) the supplemental nutrition assistance program  
887 pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; [(10)] (9) the state  
888 supplement to the Supplemental Security Income Program pursuant to

889 the Social Security Act; [(11)] (10) the state child support enforcement  
890 plan pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act; and [(12)] (11)  
891 the state social services plan for the implementation of the social  
892 services block grants and community services block grants pursuant to  
893 the Social Security Act. The Department of Social Services is  
894 designated a public housing agency for the purpose of administering  
895 the Section 8 existing certificate program and the housing voucher  
896 program pursuant to the Housing Act of 1937.

897 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) The Office of Early Childhood  
898 is designated as the state agency for the administration of the child  
899 care development block grant pursuant to the Child Care and  
900 Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

901 Sec. 15. Subsections (c), (d) and (e) of section 17b-705 of the general  
902 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
903 (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

904 (c) On or after July 1, [2012] 2013, and monthly thereafter, the  
905 [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of  
906 Early Childhood shall compile a list of the names of family child care  
907 providers who have participated in the child care subsidy program  
908 established pursuant to section 17b-749 within the previous six  
909 calendar months. Such list shall be considered a public record, as  
910 defined in section 1-200.

911 (d) For purposes of sections 4-65a and 5-270 and subsection (a) of  
912 section 5-278, the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early  
913 Childhood shall be considered an executive branch employer and an  
914 organization representing family child care providers that has been  
915 designated by the State Board of Labor Relations, pursuant to section  
916 5-275 or subsection (g) of this section, as the exclusive bargaining agent  
917 of such providers, shall have the right to bargain with the state  
918 concerning the terms and conditions of participation of family child  
919 care providers in the program covered by this section, including, but

920 not limited to, (1) state reimbursement rates, (2) benefits, (3) payment  
921 procedures, (4) contract grievance arbitration, and (5) training,  
922 professional development and other requirements and opportunities  
923 appropriate for family child care providers.

924 (e) (1) If the organization representing family child care providers  
925 and the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood do  
926 not reach an agreement not later than one hundred fifty days after  
927 negotiations have begun, the parties shall jointly select an arbitrator.  
928 The arbitrator selected shall have experience as an impartial arbitrator  
929 of labor-management disputes, and shall not be an individual  
930 employed as an advocate or consultant for labor or management in  
931 labor-management disputes. If the parties fail to agree on an arbitrator  
932 not later than one hundred sixty days after negotiations have begun,  
933 the selection of the arbitrator shall be made using the procedures  
934 under the voluntary labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration  
935 Association.

936 (2) Each party shall submit to the arbitrator, and to each other, a  
937 proposal setting forth such party's position on how each of the  
938 unresolved issues shall be resolved.

939 (3) The arbitrator shall convene a hearing to allow the parties to  
940 provide evidence and argument to the arbitrator. The parties shall  
941 have the right to submit written briefs to the arbitrator. The arbitration  
942 record shall be officially closed at the close of the hearing, or the  
943 arbitrator's receipt of briefs, whichever is later.

944 (4) The arbitrator's authority is limited to selecting the complete  
945 proposal of one party or the other on any unresolved issue. The  
946 arbitrator shall issue an award not later than forty-five days after the  
947 close of the record.

948 (5) The factors to be considered by the arbitrator in arriving at a  
949 decision are: (A) The nature and needs of the family child care  
950 program and the needs and welfare of parents and children served by

951 that program, including interests in better recruitment, retention and  
952 quality with respect to the covered family child care provider; (B) the  
953 history of negotiations between the parties including those leading to  
954 the instant proceeding; (C) the existing conditions of employment of  
955 similar groups of workers; (D) changes in the cost of living; and (E) the  
956 interests and welfare of the covered family child care providers.

957 (6) The costs of the arbitrator and any fees associated with the  
958 arbitration proceeding shall be shared equally by the parties.

959 (7) Any agreement or award reached pursuant to this section shall  
960 be submitted to the General Assembly for approval by filing the  
961 agreement or award with the clerks of the House and Senate. No  
962 provision of any agreement or award resulting from the collective  
963 bargaining process which would require supercedence of any law or  
964 regulation shall take effect without affirmative legislative approval.

965 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any  
966 provision in any agreement or award which would require an  
967 additional appropriation in order to maintain the levels of services  
968 provided by existing appropriations shall be presented to the General  
969 Assembly for approval in accordance with the budgetary process  
970 applicable to appropriations, including, but not limited to, affirmative  
971 legislative approval. Other provisions of the agreement or award shall  
972 be deemed approved unless affirmatively rejected by a majority of  
973 either house not later than thirty days after the filing with the clerk of  
974 that chamber, provided the thirty-day period shall not begin or expire  
975 unless the General Assembly is in regular session. Once approved by  
976 the General Assembly, any provision of an agreement or award need  
977 not be resubmitted by the parties to such agreement or award as part  
978 of a future agreement approval process unless changes in the language  
979 of such provision are negotiated by the parties.

980 Sec. 16. Section 17b-733 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
981 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

982       The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall  
983       be the lead agency for child day care services in Connecticut. The  
984       [department] office shall: (1) Identify, annually, existing child day care  
985       services and maintain an inventory of all available services; (2) provide  
986       technical assistance to corporations and private agencies in the  
987       development and expansion of child day care services for families at  
988       all income levels, including families of their employees and clients; (3)  
989       study and identify funding sources available for child day care  
990       including federal funds and tax benefits; (4) study the cost and  
991       availability of liability insurance for child day care providers; (5)  
992       provide, in conjunction with the Departments of Education and Higher  
993       Education, ongoing training for child day care providers including  
994       preparing videotaped workshops and distributing them to cable  
995       stations for broadcast on public access stations, and seek private  
996       donations to fund such training; (6) encourage child day care services  
997       to obtain accreditation; (7) develop a range of financing options for  
998       child care services, including the use of a tax-exempt bond program, a  
999       loan guarantee program and establishing a direct revolving loan  
1000       program; (8) promote the colocation of child day care and school  
1001       readiness programs pursuant to section 4b-31; (9) establish a  
1002       performance-based evaluation system; (10) develop for  
1003       recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly measures  
1004       to provide incentives for the private sector to develop and support  
1005       expanded child day care services; (11) provide, within available funds  
1006       and in conjunction with the temporary family assistance program as  
1007       defined in section 17b-680, child day care to public assistance  
1008       recipients; (12) develop and implement, with the assistance of the  
1009       Child Day Care Council and the Departments of [Public Health,] Social  
1010       Services, Education, Higher Education, Children and Families,  
1011       Economic and Community Development and Consumer Protection, a  
1012       state-wide coordinated child day care and early childhood education  
1013       training system (A) for child day care centers, group day care homes  
1014       and family day care homes that provide child day care services, and  
1015       (B) that makes available to such providers and their staff, within



1016 available appropriations, scholarship assistance, career counseling and  
1017 training, advancement in career ladders, as defined in section 4-124bb,  
1018 through seamless articulation of levels of training, program  
1019 accreditation support and other initiatives recommended by the  
1020 Departments of Social Services, Education and Higher Education; (13)  
1021 plan and implement a unit cost reimbursement system for state-  
1022 funded child day care services such that, on and after January 1, 2008,  
1023 any increase in reimbursement shall be based on a requirement that  
1024 such centers meet the staff qualifications, as defined in subsection (b)  
1025 of section 10-16p; (14) develop, within available funds, initiatives to  
1026 increase compensation paid to child day care providers for educational  
1027 opportunities, including, but not limited to, (A) incentives for  
1028 educational advancement paid to persons employed by child day care  
1029 centers receiving state or federal funds, and (B) support for the  
1030 establishment and implementation by the Labor Commissioner of  
1031 apprenticeship programs for child day care workers pursuant to  
1032 sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, which programs shall be jointly  
1033 administered by labor and management trustees; (15) evaluate the  
1034 effectiveness of any initiatives developed pursuant to subdivision (14)  
1035 of this section in improving staff retention rates and the quality of  
1036 education and care provided to children; and (16) report annually to  
1037 the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of child day care  
1038 in Connecticut. Such report shall include (A) an itemization of the  
1039 allocation of state and federal funds for child care programs; (B) the  
1040 number of children served under each program so funded; (C) the  
1041 number and type of such programs, providers and support personnel;  
1042 (D) state activities to encourage partnership between the public and  
1043 private sectors; (E) average payments issued by the state for both part-  
1044 time and full-time child care; (F) range of family income and  
1045 percentages served within each range by such programs; and (G) age  
1046 range of children served.

1047       Sec. 17. Section 17b-749 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1048 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1049 (a) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the  
1050 Office of Early Childhood shall establish and operate a child care  
1051 subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability and quality  
1052 of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker who is  
1053 working, attending high school or who receives cash assistance under  
1054 the temporary family assistance program from the Department of  
1055 Social Services and is participating in an approved education, training,  
1056 or other job preparation activity. Services available under the child  
1057 care program shall include the provision of child care subsidies for  
1058 children under the age of thirteen or children under the age of nineteen  
1059 with special needs. The [department] office shall open and maintain  
1060 enrollment for the child care subsidy program and shall administer  
1061 such program within the existing budgetary resources available. The  
1062 [department] office shall issue a notice on the [department's] office's  
1063 Internet web site and shall provide written notice to recipients of  
1064 program benefits and to service providers any time the [department]  
1065 office closes the program to new applications, changes eligibility  
1066 requirements, changes program benefits or makes any other change to  
1067 the program's status or terms, provided the [department] office shall  
1068 not be required to issue such notice when the [department] office  
1069 expands program eligibility. Any change in the [department's] office's  
1070 acceptance of new applications, eligibility requirements, program  
1071 benefits or any other change to the program's status or terms for which  
1072 the [department] office is required to give notice pursuant to this  
1073 subsection, shall not be effective until thirty days after the  
1074 [department] office issues such notice.

1075 (b) The [commissioner] executive director shall establish income  
1076 standards for applicants and recipients at a level to include a family  
1077 with gross income up to fifty per cent of the state-wide median  
1078 income, except the [commissioner] executive director (1) may increase  
1079 the income level to up to seventy-five per cent of the state-wide  
1080 median income, (2) upon the request of the Commissioner of Children  
1081 and Families, may waive the income standards for adoptive families so

1082 that children adopted on or after October 1, 1999, from the Department  
1083 of Children and Families are eligible for the child care subsidy  
1084 program, and (3) on and after March 1, 2003, shall reduce the income  
1085 eligibility level to up to fifty-five per cent of the state-wide median  
1086 income for applicants and recipients who qualify based on their loss of  
1087 eligibility for temporary family assistance. The [commissioner]  
1088 executive director may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter  
1089 54 to establish income criteria and durational requirements for such  
1090 waiver of income standards.

1091 (c) The [commissioner] executive director, in conjunction with the  
1092 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish eligibility and  
1093 program standards including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake  
1094 and eligibility system with preference given to serving recipients of  
1095 temporary family assistance who are employed or engaged in  
1096 employment activities under the [department's] Department of Social  
1097 Services' "Jobs First" program, working families whose temporary  
1098 family assistance was discontinued not more than five years prior to  
1099 the date of application for the child care subsidy program, teen  
1100 parents, low-income working families, adoptive families of children  
1101 who were adopted from the Department of Children and Families and  
1102 who are granted a waiver of income standards under subdivision (2) of  
1103 subsection (b), and working families who are at risk of welfare  
1104 dependency; (2) health and safety standards for child care providers  
1105 not required to be licensed; (3) a reimbursement system for child care  
1106 services which account for differences in the age of the child, number  
1107 of children in the family, the geographic region and type of care  
1108 provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of  
1109 services provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful  
1110 completion of fifteen hours of annual in-service training or  
1111 credentialing of child care directors and administrators, and program  
1112 accreditation; (4) supplemental payment for special needs of the child  
1113 and extended nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process  
1114 for providers which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained

1115 at levels which permit equal access to a variety of child care settings;  
1116 (6) a sliding reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an  
1117 administrative appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process  
1118 to adjudicate cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions  
1119 and recover overpayments; (9) an extended period of program and  
1120 payment eligibility when a parent who is receiving a child care  
1121 subsidy experiences a temporary interruption in employment or other  
1122 approved activity; and (10) a waiting list for the child care subsidy  
1123 program that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in  
1124 subdivision (1) of this subsection, which is reviewed periodically, with  
1125 the inclusion of this information in the annual report required to be  
1126 issued annually by the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early  
1127 Childhood to the Governor and the General Assembly in accordance  
1128 with subdivision (10) of section 17b-733. Such action will include, but  
1129 not be limited to, family income, age of child, region of state and  
1130 length of time on such waiting list.

1131 (d) Not later than January 1, 2011, an applicant determined to be  
1132 eligible for program benefits shall remain eligible for such benefits for  
1133 a period of not less than eight months from the date that such  
1134 applicant is determined to be eligible, provided the [commissioner]  
1135 executive director has not determined, during such eight-month  
1136 period, that the applicant's circumstances have changed so as to render  
1137 the applicant ineligible for program benefits. The [commissioner]  
1138 executive director shall not make an eligibility determination for a  
1139 recipient of program benefits more than one time per eight-month  
1140 period, except as provided in subsection (e) of this section.

1141 (e) Not later than October 15, 2011, the [commissioner] executive  
1142 director shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
1143 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General  
1144 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
1145 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning eligibility  
1146 redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. Such report shall  
1147 include an analysis of overpayments of program benefits made by the

1148 [department] office and administrative costs incurred by the  
1149 [department] office as a result of eligibility redeterminations made on  
1150 an eight-month basis. On and after October 15, 2011, the  
1151 [commissioner] executive director may make eligibility  
1152 redeterminations on a six-month basis if, after January 1, 2011, the  
1153 [department's] office's overpayments of program benefits have  
1154 increased in comparison with the period between January 1, 2010, and  
1155 December 31, 2010, as a result of having an eight-month eligibility  
1156 redetermination period.

1157 (f) A provider under the child care subsidy program that qualifies  
1158 for eligibility and subsequently receives payment for child care  
1159 services for recipients under this section shall be reimbursed for such  
1160 services until informed by the [Department of Social Services] Office of  
1161 Early Childhood of the recipient's ineligibility.

1162 (g) All licensed child care providers and those providers exempt  
1163 from licensing shall provide the [Department of Social Services] Office  
1164 of Early Childhood with the following information in order to  
1165 maintain eligibility for reimbursement: (1) The name, address,  
1166 appropriate identification, Social Security number and telephone  
1167 number of the provider and all adults who work for or reside at the  
1168 location where care is provided; (2) the name and address of the child's  
1169 doctor, primary care provider and health insurance company; (3)  
1170 whether the child is immunized and has had health screens pursuant  
1171 to the federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment  
1172 Services Program under 42 USC 1396d; and (4) the number of children  
1173 cared for by the provider.

1174 (h) On or after January 1, 1998, the [commissioner] executive  
1175 director shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
1176 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

1177 (i) The [commissioner] executive director shall submit to the joint  
1178 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of

1179 matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets  
1180 of state agencies a copy of the Child Care and Development Fund Plan  
1181 that the [commissioner] executive director submits to the  
1182 Administration for Children and Families pursuant to federal law. The  
1183 copy of the plan shall be submitted to the committees not later than  
1184 thirty days after submission of the plan to the Administration for  
1185 Children and Families.

1186 Sec. 18. Section 17b-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1187 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1188 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the  
1189 Office of Early Childhood may accept and receive, on behalf of the  
1190 [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood or on behalf  
1191 of the Children's Trust Fund established pursuant to section 17b-751,  
1192 any bequest or gift of personal property for services for a person who  
1193 is, or members of whose immediate family are, receiving assistance or  
1194 services from the [Department of Social Services, or both,] Office of  
1195 Early Childhood or for services for a former recipient of assistance  
1196 from the Department of Social Services or a potential recipient of  
1197 assistance from the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early  
1198 Childhood or for programs or services described in section 17b-751.  
1199 Any federal funds generated by virtue of any such bequest or gift may  
1200 be used for the extension of services to such person or family  
1201 members.

1202 Sec. 19. Section 17b-751 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1203 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1204 (a) There is established a Children's Trust Fund, the resources of  
1205 which shall be used by the council established pursuant to subsection  
1206 (b) of this section and the [Commissioner of Social Services] executive  
1207 director of the Office of Early Childhood with the advice of the  
1208 Children's Trust Fund Council to fund programs aimed at preventing  
1209 child abuse and neglect and family resource programs. Said fund is

1210 intended to be in addition to those resources that would otherwise be  
1211 appropriated by the state for programs aimed at preventing child  
1212 abuse and neglect and family resource programs. The Children's Trust  
1213 Fund Council and the [commissioner] executive director may apply for  
1214 and accept any federal funds which are available for a Children's Trust  
1215 Fund and shall administer such funds in the manner required by  
1216 federal law. The fund shall receive money from grants and gifts made  
1217 pursuant to section 17a-18. The Children's Trust Fund Council and the  
1218 [commissioner] executive director may solicit and accept funds, on  
1219 behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the prevention of  
1220 child abuse and neglect and family resource programs. The  
1221 [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of  
1222 Early Childhood, with the advice of the Children's Trust Fund Council,  
1223 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
1224 54, to administer the fund and to set eligibility requirements for  
1225 programs seeking funding. Youth service bureaus may receive funds  
1226 from the Children's Trust Fund.

1227 (b) There shall be established, within existing resources, a Children's  
1228 Trust Fund Council which shall be within the [Department of Social  
1229 Services] Office of Early Childhood. The council shall be composed of  
1230 [sixteen] seventeen members as follows: (1) The Commissioners of  
1231 Social Services, Education, Children and Families and Public Health, or  
1232 their designees; (2) a representative of the business community with  
1233 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the president pro tempore of  
1234 the Senate; (3) a representative of the business community with  
1235 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the speaker of the House of  
1236 Representatives; (4) a representative of the business community with  
1237 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority leader of the  
1238 House of Representatives; (5) a representative of the business  
1239 community with experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority  
1240 leader of the Senate; (6) a parent, appointed by the majority leader of  
1241 the House of Representatives; (7) a parent, appointed by the majority  
1242 leader of the Senate; (8) a parent, appointed by the president pro

1243 tempore of the Senate; (9) a person with expertise in child abuse  
1244 prevention, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;  
1245 (10) a person with expertise in child abuse prevention, appointed by  
1246 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (11) a staff  
1247 member of a child abuse prevention program, appointed by the  
1248 minority leader of the Senate; (12) a staff member of a child abuse  
1249 prevention program, appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
1250 Representatives; [and] (13) a pediatrician, appointed by the majority  
1251 leader of the Senate; and (14) the executive director of the Office of  
1252 Early Childhood. The council shall solicit and accept funds, on behalf  
1253 of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the prevention of child  
1254 abuse and neglect and family resource programs, and shall make  
1255 grants to programs pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1256 (c) On or before July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the Children's  
1257 Trust Fund Council and the [commissioner] executive director shall  
1258 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the  
1259 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
1260 having cognizance of matters relating to human services, public health  
1261 and education concerning the source and amount of funds received by  
1262 the Children's Trust Fund, and the manner in which such funds were  
1263 administered and disbursed.

1264 Sec. 20. Section 17b-751a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1265 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1266 A grandparent or other relative caregiver who is appointed a  
1267 guardian of a child or children through the Superior Court and who is  
1268 not a recipient of subsidized guardianship subsidies under section 17a-  
1269 126 or foster care payments from the Department of Children and  
1270 Families shall, within available appropriations, be eligible to apply for  
1271 grants under the Kinship Fund and Grandparents and Relatives  
1272 Respite Fund administered by the Children's Trust Fund Council and  
1273 the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood through  
1274 the Probate Court.



1275 Sec. 21. Section 17b-751d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1276 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1277 (a) The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood  
1278 shall be the lead state agency for community-based, prevention-  
1279 focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support  
1280 families to prevent child abuse and neglect, in collaboration with the  
1281 Children's Trust Fund Council, established pursuant to section 17b-  
1282 751. The responsibilities of the [department] office shall include, but  
1283 not be limited to, collaborating with state agencies, hospitals, clinics,  
1284 schools and community service organizations, with the guidance of the  
1285 Children's Trust Fund Council, established pursuant to section 17b-  
1286 751, to: (1) Initiate programs to support families at risk for child abuse  
1287 or neglect; (2) assist organizations to recognize child abuse and neglect;  
1288 (3) encourage community safety; (4) increase broad-based efforts to  
1289 prevent child abuse and neglect; (5) create a network of agencies to  
1290 advance child abuse and neglect prevention; and (6) increase public  
1291 awareness of child abuse and neglect issues. The [department] office,  
1292 with the guidance of the Children's Trust Fund Council and subject to  
1293 available state, federal and private funding, shall be responsible for  
1294 implementing and maintaining programs and services, including, but  
1295 not limited to: (A) The Nurturing Families Network, established  
1296 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 17b-751b; (B) Family  
1297 Empowerment Initiative programs; (C) Help Me Grow; (D) the  
1298 Kinship Fund and Grandparent's Respite Fund; (E) Family School  
1299 Connection; (F) support services for residents of a respite group home  
1300 for girls; (G) legal services on behalf of indigent children; (H) volunteer  
1301 services; (I) family development training; (J) shaken baby syndrome  
1302 prevention; and (K) child sexual abuse prevention.

1303 (b) Not later than sixty days after October 5, 2009, the  
1304 [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of  
1305 Early Childhood shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the  
1306 joint standing committees of the General Assembly, having cognizance  
1307 of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the

1308 budgets of state agencies on the integration of the duties described in  
1309 subsection (a) of this section into the department.

1310 Sec. 22. Section 17b-751e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1311 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1312 Any order, regulation or contract of the Children's Trust Fund  
1313 Council agency that is in force on September 1, 2009, shall continue in  
1314 force and effect as an order, regulation or contract of the [Department  
1315 of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood until amended, repealed  
1316 or superseded pursuant to law.

1317 Sec. 23. Section 17a-248 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1318 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1319 As used in this section and sections 17a-248b to 17a-248g, inclusive,  
1320 38a-490a and 38a-516a, unless the context otherwise requires:

1321 (1) ["Commissioner"] "Executive director" means the [Commissioner  
1322 of Developmental Services] executive director of the Office of Early  
1323 Childhood.

1324 (2) "Council" means the State Interagency Birth-to-Three  
1325 Coordinating Council established pursuant to section 17a-248b.

1326 (3) "Early intervention services" means early intervention services,  
1327 as defined in 34 CFR Part 303.12, as from time to time amended.

1328 (4) "Eligible children" means children from birth to thirty-six months  
1329 of age, who are not eligible for special education and related services  
1330 pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-76h, inclusive, and who need early  
1331 intervention services because such children are:

1332 (A) Experiencing a significant developmental delay as measured by  
1333 standardized diagnostic instruments and procedures, including  
1334 informed clinical opinion, in one or more of the following areas: (i)  
1335 Cognitive development; (ii) physical development, including vision or

1336 hearing; (iii) communication development; (iv) social or emotional  
1337 development; or (v) adaptive skills; or

1338 (B) Diagnosed as having a physical or mental condition that has a  
1339 high probability of resulting in developmental delay.

1340 (5) "Evaluation" means a multidisciplinary professional, objective  
1341 assessment conducted by appropriately qualified personnel in order to  
1342 determine a child's eligibility for early intervention services.

1343 (6) "Individualized family service plan" means a written plan for  
1344 providing early intervention services to an eligible child and the child's  
1345 family.

1346 (7) "Lead agency" means the [Department of Developmental  
1347 Services] Office of Early Childhood, the public [agency] entity  
1348 responsible for the administration of the birth-to-three system in  
1349 collaboration with the participating agencies.

1350 (8) "Parent" means (A) a biological, adoptive or foster parent of a  
1351 child; (B) a guardian, except for the Commissioner of Children and  
1352 Families; (C) an individual acting in the place of a biological or  
1353 adoptive parent, including, but not limited to, a grandparent,  
1354 stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives; (D) an  
1355 individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare; or (E) an  
1356 individual appointed to be a surrogate parent.

1357 (9) "Participating agencies" includes, but is not limited to, the  
1358 Departments of Education, Social Services, Public Health, Children  
1359 and Families and Developmental Services, the Office of Early  
1360 Childhood, the Insurance Department, the Department of  
1361 Rehabilitation Services and the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
1362 Persons with Disabilities.

1363 (10) "Qualified personnel" means persons who meet the standards  
1364 specified in 34 CFR Part 303.12(e), as from time to time amended, and

1365 who are licensed physicians or psychologists or persons holding a  
1366 state-approved or recognized license, certificate or registration in one  
1367 or more of the following fields: (A) Special education, including  
1368 teaching of the blind and the deaf; (B) speech and language pathology  
1369 and audiology; (C) occupational therapy; (D) physical therapy; (E)  
1370 social work; (F) nursing; (G) dietary or nutritional counseling; and (H)  
1371 other fields designated by the [commissioner] executive director that  
1372 meet requirements that apply to the area in which the person is  
1373 providing early intervention services, provided there is no conflict  
1374 with existing professional licensing, certification and registration  
1375 requirements.

1376 (11) "Service coordinator" means a person carrying out service  
1377 coordination, as defined in 34 CFR Part 303.22, as from time to time  
1378 amended.

1379 (12) "Primary care provider" means physicians and advanced  
1380 practice registered nurses, licensed by the Department of Public  
1381 Health, who are responsible for performing or directly supervising the  
1382 primary care services for children enrolled in the birth-to-three  
1383 program.

1384 Sec. 24. Section 17a-248b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1385 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1386 (a) The lead agency shall establish a State Interagency Birth-to-Three  
1387 Coordinating Council and shall provide staff assistance and other  
1388 resources to the council. The council shall consist of the following  
1389 members, appointed by the Governor: (1) Parents, including minority  
1390 parents, of children with disabilities twelve years of age or younger,  
1391 with knowledge of, or experience with, programs for children with  
1392 disabilities from birth to thirty-six months of age, the total number of  
1393 whom shall equal not less than twenty per cent of the total  
1394 membership of the council, and at least one of whom shall be a parent  
1395 of a child six years of age or younger, with a disability; (2) two

1396 members of the General Assembly at the time of their appointment,  
1397 one of whom shall be designated by the speaker of the House of  
1398 Representatives and one of whom shall be designated by the president  
1399 pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one person involved in the training of  
1400 personnel who provide early intervention services; (4) one person who  
1401 is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics; (5) one person  
1402 from each of the participating agencies, who shall be designated by the  
1403 commissioner or executive director of the participating agency and  
1404 who have authority to engage in policy planning and implementation  
1405 on behalf of the participating agency; (6) public or private providers of  
1406 early intervention services, the total number of whom shall equal not  
1407 less than twenty per cent of the total membership of the council; and  
1408 (7) a representative of a Head Start program or agency. The Governor  
1409 shall designate the chairperson of the council who shall not be the  
1410 designee of the lead agency.

1411 (b) The Governor shall appoint all members of the council for terms  
1412 of three years.

1413 (c) The council shall meet at least quarterly and shall provide public  
1414 notice of its meetings, which shall be open and accessible to the general  
1415 public. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson and shall be  
1416 called at the request of the [commissioner] executive director.

1417 (d) Council members who are parents of children with disabilities  
1418 shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in  
1419 the performance of their duties under this section.

1420 (e) The council shall: (1) Assist the lead agency in the effective  
1421 performance of the lead agency's responsibilities under section 17a-  
1422 248, this section and sections 17a-248c to 17a-248g, inclusive, 38a-490a  
1423 and 38a-516a, including identifying the sources of fiscal support for  
1424 early intervention services and programs, assignment of financial  
1425 responsibility to the appropriate agency, promotion of interagency  
1426 agreements and preparing applications and amendments required

1427 pursuant to federal law; (2) advise and assist the [commissioner]  
1428 executive director and other participating agencies in the development  
1429 of standards and procedures pursuant to said sections; (3) advise and  
1430 assist the [commissioner] executive director and the Commissioner of  
1431 Education regarding the transition of children with disabilities to  
1432 services provided under sections 10-76a to 10-76h, inclusive; (4) advise  
1433 and assist the [commissioner] executive director in identifying barriers  
1434 that impede timely and effective service delivery, including advice and  
1435 assistance with regard to interagency disputes; and (5) prepare and  
1436 submit an annual report in accordance with section 11-4a to the  
1437 Governor and the General Assembly on the status of the birth-to-three  
1438 system. At least thirty days prior to the [commissioner's] executive  
1439 director's final approval of rules and regulations pursuant to section  
1440 17a-248, this section, sections 17a-248c to 17a-248g, inclusive, 38a-490a  
1441 and 38a-516a, other than emergency rules and regulations, the  
1442 [commissioner] executive director shall submit proposed rules and  
1443 regulations to the council for its review. The council shall review all  
1444 proposed rules and regulations and report its recommendations  
1445 thereon to the [commissioner] executive director within thirty days.  
1446 The [commissioner] executive director shall not act in a manner  
1447 inconsistent with the recommendations of the council without first  
1448 providing the reasons for such action. The council, upon a majority  
1449 vote of its members, may require that an alternative approach to the  
1450 proposed rules and regulations be published with a notice of the  
1451 proposed rules and regulations pursuant to chapter 54. When an  
1452 alternative approach is published pursuant to this section, the  
1453 [commissioner] executive director shall state the reasons for not  
1454 selecting such alternative approach.

1455 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 17a-248c of the general statutes is  
1456 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1457 *1, 2014*):

1458 (a) The [commissioner] executive director may establish one local  
1459 interagency coordinating council in each region of the state. Each

1460 council shall consist of five or more individuals interested in the  
1461 welfare of children ages birth to three years with disabilities or  
1462 developmental delays.

1463 Sec. 26. Subsection (d) of section 17a-248d of the general statutes is  
1464 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1465 *1, 2014*):

1466 (d) The [commissioner] executive director, in coordination with the  
1467 participating agencies and in consultation with the council, shall adopt  
1468 regulations, pursuant to chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of  
1469 section 17a-248 and sections 17a-248b to 17a-248g, inclusive, 38a-490a  
1470 and 38a-516a.

1471 Sec. 27. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 17a-248g of the general  
1472 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1473 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1474 (d) The [commissioner] executive director, in consultation with the  
1475 Office of Policy and Management and the Insurance Commissioner,  
1476 shall adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter 54, providing public  
1477 reimbursement for deductibles and copayments imposed under an  
1478 insurance policy or health benefit plan to the extent that such  
1479 deductibles and copayments are applicable to early intervention  
1480 services.

1481 (e) The [commissioner] executive director shall establish and  
1482 periodically revise, in accordance with this section, a schedule of fees  
1483 based on a sliding scale for early intervention services. The schedule of  
1484 fees shall consider the cost of such services relative to the financial  
1485 resources of the state and the parents or legal guardians of eligible  
1486 children, provided that on and after October 6, 2009, the  
1487 [commissioner] executive director shall (1) charge fees to such parents  
1488 or legal guardians that are sixty per cent greater than the amount of  
1489 the fees charged on the date prior to October 6, 2009; and (2) charge  
1490 fees for all services provided, including those services provided in the

1491 first two months following the enrollment of a child in the program.  
1492 Fees may be charged to any such parent or guardian, regardless of  
1493 income, and shall be charged to any such parent or guardian with a  
1494 gross annual family income of forty-five thousand dollars or more,  
1495 except that no fee may be charged to the parent or guardian of a child  
1496 who is eligible for Medicaid. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
1497 subdivision (8) of section 17a-248, as used in this subsection, "parent"  
1498 means the biological or adoptive parent or legal guardian of any child  
1499 receiving early intervention services. The [Department of  
1500 Developmental Services] lead agency may assign its right to collect  
1501 fees to a designee or provider participating in the early intervention  
1502 program and providing services to a recipient in order to assist the  
1503 provider in obtaining payment for such services. The [commissioner]  
1504 executive director may implement procedures for the collection of the  
1505 schedule of fees while in the process of adopting or amending such  
1506 criteria in regulation, provided the [commissioner] executive director  
1507 prints notice of intention to adopt or amend the regulations in the  
1508 Connecticut Law Journal within twenty days of implementing the  
1509 policy. Such collection procedures and schedule of fees shall be valid  
1510 until the time the final regulations or amendments are effective.

1511 Sec. 28. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) The Office of Early  
1512 Childhood shall constitute a successor agency to the Department of  
1513 Public Health, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d and  
1514 4-39 of the general statutes, for the purpose of the conduct of  
1515 regulation of child day care services pursuant to sections 19a-77 to 19a-  
1516 80, inclusive, of the general statutes, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87,  
1517 inclusive, of the general statutes and for the purpose of administering  
1518 the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program  
1519 authorized under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of  
1520 2010, P.L. 111-148.

1521 (b) Any order, regulation or policy of the Department of Public  
1522 Health concerning child day care services that is established pursuant  
1523 to sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, of the general statutes or 19a-82



1524 to 19a-87, inclusive, of the general statutes or otherwise authorized by  
1525 law, that is in force on July 1, 2014, shall continue in force and effect as  
1526 an order, regulation or policy until amended, repealed or superseded  
1527 pursuant to law.

1528 Sec. 29. Subdivision (11) of subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the  
1529 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1530 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1531 (11) The [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood  
1532 for the purpose of (A) determining the suitability of a person to care  
1533 for children in a facility licensed pursuant to section 19a-77, 19a-80 or  
1534 19a-87b; (B) determining the suitability of such person for licensure; or  
1535 (C) an investigation conducted pursuant to section 19a-80f;

1536 Sec. 30. Section 19a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1537 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1538 (a) As used in sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and sections 19a-  
1539 82 to 19a-87, inclusive, "child day care services" shall include:

1540 (1) A "child day care center" which offers or provides a program of  
1541 supplementary care to more than twelve related or unrelated children  
1542 outside their own homes on a regular basis;

1543 (2) A "group day care home" which offers or provides a program of  
1544 supplementary care (A) to not less than seven or more than twelve  
1545 related or unrelated children on a regular basis, or (B) that meets the  
1546 definition of a family day care home except that it operates in a facility  
1547 other than a private family home;

1548 (3) A "family day care home" which consists of a private family  
1549 home caring for not more than six children, including the provider's  
1550 own children not in school full time, where the children are cared for  
1551 not less than three or more than twelve hours during a twenty-four-  
1552 hour period and where care is given on a regularly recurring basis

1553 except that care may be provided in excess of twelve hours but not  
1554 more than seventy-two consecutive hours to accommodate a need for  
1555 extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the  
1556 regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are  
1557 in school full time, including the provider's own children, shall be  
1558 permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children  
1559 who are in school full time, all of the provider's children shall be  
1560 permitted;

1561 (4) "Night care" means the care provided for one or more hours  
1562 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

1563 (5) "Year-round" program means a program open at least fifty  
1564 weeks per year.

1565 (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child day care services shall  
1566 not include such services which are:

1567 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered  
1568 by a municipal agency or department and located in a public school  
1569 building;

1570 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with  
1571 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is  
1572 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of  
1573 Education;

1574 (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than  
1575 two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer  
1576 than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two  
1577 hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports  
1578 activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs  
1579 exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;

1580 (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors and formal or informal  
1581 arrangements among relatives in their own homes, provided the

1582 relative is limited to any of the following degrees of kinship by blood  
1583 or marriage to the child being cared for or to the child's parent: Child,  
1584 grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle or child of one's aunt or  
1585 uncle;

1586 (5) Drop-in supplementary child care operations for educational or  
1587 recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently  
1588 where the parents are on the premises;

1589 (6) Drop-in supplementary child care operations in retail  
1590 establishments where the parents remain in the same store as the child  
1591 for retail shopping, provided the drop-in supplementary child-care  
1592 operation does not charge a fee and does not refer to itself as a child  
1593 day care center;

1594 (7) Drop-in programs administered by a nationally chartered boys'  
1595 and girls' club;

1596 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious  
1597 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians  
1598 are members of such religious institution;

1599 (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based  
1600 nonprofit youth development and environmental education  
1601 organization, provided Solar Youth, Inc. informs the parents and legal  
1602 guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such programs  
1603 are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early  
1604 Childhood to provide child day care services;

1605 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with  
1606 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that  
1607 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of  
1608 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive; or

1609 (11) Administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center, a Bridgeport-  
1610 based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school age

1611 children, provided the Cardinal Shehan Center informs the parents  
1612 and legal guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such  
1613 programs are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office  
1614 of Early Childhood to provide child day care services.

1615 (c) No registrant or licensee of any child day care services as defined  
1616 in subsection (a) of this section shall be issued an additional  
1617 registration or license to provide any such services at the same facility.

1618 (d) When a licensee has vacated premises approved by the  
1619 [department] office for the provision of child day care services and the  
1620 landlord of such licensee establishes to the satisfaction of the  
1621 [department] office that such licensee has no legal right or interest to  
1622 such approved premises, the [department] office may make a  
1623 determination with respect to an application for a new license for the  
1624 provision of child day care services at such premises.

1625 Sec. 31. Section 19a-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1626 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1627 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1628 Office of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
1629 the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of sections 19a-  
1630 77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, and to assure  
1631 that child day care centers and group day care homes shall meet the  
1632 health, educational and social needs of children utilizing such child  
1633 day care centers and group day care homes. Such regulations shall (1)  
1634 specify that before being permitted to attend any child day care center  
1635 or group day care home, each child shall be protected as age-  
1636 appropriate by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis,  
1637 tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus  
1638 influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of  
1639 active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f, including  
1640 appropriate exemptions for children for whom such immunization is  
1641 medically contraindicated and for children whose parents object to

1642 such immunization on religious grounds, (2) specify conditions under  
1643 which child day care center directors and teachers and group day care  
1644 home providers may administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a  
1645 child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal  
1646 preparations, including controlled drugs specified in the regulations  
1647 by the [commissioner] executive director, to a child receiving child day  
1648 care services at such child day care center or group day care home  
1649 pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to practice  
1650 medicine or a dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this or  
1651 another state, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to  
1652 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant  
1653 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written  
1654 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an  
1655 operator of a child day care center or group day care home, licensed  
1656 before January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives a license after  
1657 January 1, 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall  
1658 provide a minimum of thirty square feet per child of total indoor  
1659 usable space, free of furniture except that needed for the children's  
1660 purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens,  
1661 halls, isolation room or other rooms used for purposes other than the  
1662 activities of the children, (4) specify that a child day care center or  
1663 group day care home licensed after January 1, 1986, shall provide  
1664 thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor usable space, (5)  
1665 establish appropriate child day care center staffing requirements for  
1666 employees certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American  
1667 Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the National Safety  
1668 Council, American Safety and Health Institute or Medic First Aid  
1669 International, Inc., (6) specify that on and after January 1, 2003, a child  
1670 day care center or group day care home (A) shall not deny services to a  
1671 child on the basis of a child's known or suspected allergy or because a  
1672 child has a prescription for an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or  
1673 similar automatic injectable equipment used to treat an allergic  
1674 reaction, or for injectable equipment used to administer glucagon, (B)  
1675 shall, not later than three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a

1676 center or home, have staff trained in the use of such equipment on-site  
1677 during all hours when such a child is on-site, (C) shall require such  
1678 child's parent or guardian to provide the injector or injectable  
1679 equipment and a copy of the prescription for such medication and  
1680 injector or injectable equipment upon enrollment of such child, and (D)  
1681 shall require a parent or guardian enrolling such a child to replace  
1682 such medication and equipment prior to its expiration date, and (7)  
1683 specify that on and after January 1, 2005, a child day care center or  
1684 group day care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis  
1685 of a child's diagnosis of asthma or because a child has a prescription  
1686 for an inhalant medication to treat asthma, and (B) shall, not later than  
1687 three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center or home,  
1688 have staff trained in the administration of such medication on-site  
1689 during all hours when such a child is on-site, and (8) establish physical  
1690 plant requirements for licensed child day care centers and licensed  
1691 group day care homes that exclusively serve school-age children.  
1692 When establishing such requirements, the [department] office shall  
1693 give consideration to child day care centers and group day care homes  
1694 that are located in private or public school buildings. With respect to  
1695 this subdivision only, the [commissioner] executive director shall  
1696 implement policies and procedures necessary to implement the  
1697 physical plant requirements established pursuant to this subdivision  
1698 while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in  
1699 regulation form. Until replaced by policies and procedures  
1700 implemented pursuant to this subdivision, any physical plant  
1701 requirement specified in the [department's] office's regulations that is  
1702 generally applicable to child day care centers and group day care  
1703 homes shall continue to be applicable to such centers and group day  
1704 care homes that exclusively serve school-age children. The  
1705 [commissioner] executive director shall print notice of the intent to  
1706 adopt regulations pursuant to this subdivision in the Connecticut Law  
1707 Journal not later than twenty days after the date of implementation of  
1708 such policies and procedures. Policies and procedures implemented  
1709 pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid until the time final

1710 regulations are adopted.

1711 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1712 Office of Early Childhood may adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter  
1713 54, to establish civil penalties of not more than one hundred dollars per  
1714 day for each day of violation and other disciplinary remedies that may  
1715 be imposed, following a contested-case hearing, upon the holder of a  
1716 license issued under section 19a-80 to operate a child day care center or  
1717 group day care home or upon the holder of a license issued under  
1718 section 19a-87b to operate a family day care home.

1719 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1720 Office of Early Childhood shall exempt Montessori schools accredited  
1721 by the American Montessori Society or the Association Montessori  
1722 Internationale from any provision in regulations adopted pursuant to  
1723 subsection (a) of this section which sets requirements on group size or  
1724 child to staff ratios or the provision of cots.

1725 Sec. 32. Section 19a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1726 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1727 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,  
1728 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a  
1729 child day care center or group day care home without a license issued  
1730 in accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to  
1731 19a-87a, inclusive. Applications for such license shall be made to the  
1732 [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the Office of  
1733 Early Childhood on forms provided by the [commissioner] executive  
1734 director and shall contain the information required by regulations  
1735 adopted under said sections. The forms shall contain a notice that false  
1736 statements made therein are punishable in accordance with section  
1737 53a-157b.

1738 (b) (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the  
1739 [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the Office of  
1740 Early Childhood shall issue such license if, upon inspection and

1741 investigation, said [commissioner] executive director finds that the  
1742 applicant, the facilities and the program meet the health, educational  
1743 and social needs of children likely to attend the child day care center or  
1744 group day care home and comply with requirements established by  
1745 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and  
1746 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive. The [commissioner] executive  
1747 director shall offer an expedited application review process for an  
1748 application submitted by a municipal agency or department. The  
1749 [commissioner] executive director shall have discretion to determine  
1750 whether a change of operator, ownership or location request from a  
1751 currently licensed person or entity, as described in subsection (a) of  
1752 this section, shall require the filing of a new license application from  
1753 such person or entity. Each license shall be for a term of four years,  
1754 shall be nontransferable, and may be renewed upon receipt by the  
1755 [commissioner] executive director of a renewal application and  
1756 accompanying licensure fee. The [commissioner] executive director  
1757 may suspend or revoke such license after notice and an opportunity  
1758 for a hearing as provided in section 19a-84 for violation of the  
1759 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and  
1760 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive.

1761 (2) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1762 Office of Early Childhood shall collect from the licensee of a day care  
1763 center a fee of five hundred dollars prior to issuing or renewing a  
1764 license for a term of four years. The [commissioner] executive director  
1765 shall collect from the licensee of a group day care home a fee of two  
1766 hundred fifty dollars prior to issuing or renewing a license for a term  
1767 of four years. The [commissioner] executive director shall require only  
1768 one license for a child day care center operated in two or more  
1769 buildings, provided the same licensee provides child day care services  
1770 in each building and the buildings are joined together by a contiguous  
1771 playground that is part of the licensed space.

1772 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1773 Office of Early Childhood, within available appropriations, shall



1774 require each prospective employee of a child day care center or group  
1775 day care home in a position requiring the provision of care to a child to  
1776 submit to state and national criminal history records checks. The  
1777 criminal history records checks required pursuant to this subsection  
1778 shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. The  
1779 [commissioner] executive director shall also request a check of the state  
1780 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. Pursuant  
1781 to the interagency agreement provided for in section 10-16s, the  
1782 Department of Social Services may agree to transfer funds  
1783 appropriated for criminal history records checks to the [Department of  
1784 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The [commissioner]  
1785 executive director shall notify each licensee of the provisions of this  
1786 subsection.

1787 (d) The [commissioner] executive director shall inform each  
1788 licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided not later than  
1789 sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of new or changed  
1790 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, or  
1791 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, with which a licensee must  
1792 comply.

1793 Sec. 33. Section 19a-80f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1794 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1795 (a) As used in this section, "facility" means a child day care center, a  
1796 group day care home and a family day care home, as defined in section  
1797 19a-77, and a youth camp, as defined in section 19a-420.

1798 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
1799 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's  
1800 designee, shall provide to the [Department of Public Health] Office of  
1801 Early Childhood all records concerning reports and investigations of  
1802 child abuse or neglect that have been reported to, or are being  
1803 investigated by, the Department of Children and Families pursuant to  
1804 section 17a-101g, including records of any administrative hearing held

1805 pursuant to section 17a-101k: (1) Occurring at any facility, and (2) by  
1806 any staff member or licensee of any facility and by any household  
1807 member of any family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77,  
1808 irrespective of where the abuse or neglect occurred.

1809 (c) The Department of Children and Families and the [Department  
1810 of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood shall jointly investigate  
1811 reports of abuse or neglect occurring at any facility. All information,  
1812 records and reports concerning such investigation shall be shared  
1813 between agencies as part of the investigative process.

1814 (d) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1815 Office of Early Childhood shall compile a listing of allegations of  
1816 violations that have been substantiated by the [Department of Public  
1817 Health] Office of Early Childhood concerning a facility during the  
1818 prior three-year period. The [Commissioner of Public Health]  
1819 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall disclose  
1820 information contained in the listing to any person who requests it,  
1821 provided the information may be disclosed pursuant to sections 17a-  
1822 101g and 17a-101k and does not identify children or family members  
1823 of those children.

1824 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the  
1825 Commissioner of Children and Families has made a finding  
1826 substantiating abuse or neglect: (1) That occurred at a facility, or (2) by  
1827 any staff member or licensee of any facility, or by any household  
1828 member of any family day care home and such finding is included on  
1829 the state child abuse or neglect registry, maintained by the Department  
1830 of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-101k, such finding  
1831 may be included in the listing compiled by the [Department of Public  
1832 Health] Office of Early Childhood pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
1833 section and may be disclosed to the public by the [Department of  
1834 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood.

1835 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the

1836 Commissioner of Children and Families, pursuant to section 17a-101j,  
1837 has notified the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early  
1838 Childhood of a recommended finding of child abuse or neglect at a  
1839 facility and if such child abuse or neglect resulted in or involves (1) the  
1840 death of a child; (2) the risk of serious physical injury or emotional  
1841 harm of a child; (3) the serious physical harm of a child; (4) the arrest  
1842 of a person due to abuse or neglect of a child; (5) a petition filed by the  
1843 Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-112 or  
1844 46b-129; or (6) sexual abuse of a child, the [Commissioner of Public  
1845 Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may  
1846 include such finding of child abuse or neglect in the listing under  
1847 subsection (d) of this section and may disclose such finding to the  
1848 public. The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the  
1849 commissioner's designee, shall immediately notify the [Commissioner  
1850 of Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood  
1851 when such child abuse or neglect is not substantiated after an  
1852 investigation has been completed pursuant to subsection (b) of section  
1853 17a-101g or a recommended finding of child abuse or neglect is  
1854 reversed after a hearing or appeal conducted in accordance with the  
1855 provisions of section 17a-101k. The [Commissioner of Public Health]  
1856 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall immediately  
1857 remove such information from the listing and shall not further disclose  
1858 any such information to the public.

1859 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, all  
1860 records provided by the Commissioner of Children and Families, or  
1861 the commissioner's designee, to the [Department of Public Health]  
1862 Office of Early Childhood regarding child abuse or neglect occurring at  
1863 any facility, may be utilized in an administrative proceeding or court  
1864 proceeding relative to facility licensing. In any such proceeding, such  
1865 records shall be confidential, except as provided by the provisions of  
1866 section 4-177c, and such records shall not be subject to disclosure  
1867 pursuant to section 1-210.

1868 Sec. 34. Section 19a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1869 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1870 The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1871 Office of Early Childhood shall utilize consultative services and  
1872 assistance from the Departments of Education, Mental Health and  
1873 Addiction Services and Social Services and from municipal building,  
1874 fire and health departments. The [commissioner] executive director  
1875 shall make periodic inspections of licensed day care centers, group day  
1876 care homes and family day care homes and shall provide technical  
1877 assistance to licensees and applicants for licenses to assist them to  
1878 attain and maintain the standards established in regulations adopted  
1879 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive,  
1880 and 19a-87b.

1881 Sec. 35. Section 19a-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1882 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1883 The [commissioner] executive director of the Office of Early  
1884 Childhood may request the Attorney General to bring an action in the  
1885 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enjoin any person,  
1886 group of persons, association, organization, corporation, institution, or  
1887 agency, public or private, from maintaining a child day care center or  
1888 group day care home without a license or operating a child day care  
1889 center or group day care home in violation of regulations adopted  
1890 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,  
1891 inclusive.

1892 Sec. 36. Section 19a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1893 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1894 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or  
1895 corporation who shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate a day  
1896 care center or group day care home without a current and valid license  
1897 shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars  
1898 a day for each day that such center or home is operated without a  
1899 license.

1900 (b) If the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1901 Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe that a violation has  
1902 occurred for which a civil penalty is authorized by subsection (a) of  
1903 this section, he may send to such person or officer by certified mail,  
1904 return receipt requested, or personally serve upon such person or  
1905 officer, a notice which shall include: (1) A reference to the section or  
1906 sections of the general statutes or regulations involved; (2) a short and  
1907 plain statement of the matters asserted or charged; (3) a statement of  
1908 the maximum civil penalty which may be imposed for such violation;  
1909 and (4) a statement of the party's right to request a hearing, such  
1910 request to be submitted in writing to the [commissioner] executive  
1911 director not later than thirty days after the notice is mailed or served.

1912 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the [commissioner]  
1913 executive director shall hold a hearing on the violation asserted. The  
1914 hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If  
1915 such person or officer fails to request a hearing or fails to appear at the  
1916 hearing or if, after the hearing, the [commissioner] executive director  
1917 finds that the person or officer has committed such violation, the  
1918 [commissioner] executive director may, in his discretion, order that a  
1919 civil penalty be imposed that is not greater than the penalty stated in  
1920 the notice. The [commissioner] executive director shall send a copy of  
1921 any order issued pursuant to this subsection by certified mail, return  
1922 receipt requested, to the person or officer named in such order.

1923 Sec. 37. Section 19a-87a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1924 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1925 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
1926 Office of Early Childhood shall have the discretion to refuse to license  
1927 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,  
1928 inclusive, a person to conduct, operate or maintain a day care center or  
1929 a group day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, or to suspend or  
1930 revoke the license or take any other action set forth in regulation that  
1931 may be adopted pursuant to section 19a-79 if, the person who owns,

1932 conducts, maintains or operates such center or home or a person  
1933 employed therein in a position connected with the provision of care to  
1934 a child receiving child day care services, has been convicted in this  
1935 state or any other state of a felony as defined in section 53a-25  
1936 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force  
1937 against another person, of cruelty to persons under section 53-20,  
1938 injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section  
1939 53-21, abandonment of children under the age of six years under  
1940 section 53-23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child  
1941 under eighteen years of age, or of a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a,  
1942 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or has a criminal record in  
1943 this state or any other state that the [commissioner] executive director  
1944 reasonably believes renders the person unsuitable to own, conduct,  
1945 operate or maintain or be employed by a child day care center or  
1946 group day care home. However, no refusal of a license shall be  
1947 rendered except in accordance with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to  
1948 46a-81, inclusive.

1949 (b) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a  
1950 child day care center or group day care home shall notify the  
1951 [commissioner] executive director of any criminal conviction of the  
1952 owner, conductor, operator or maintainer of the center or home or of  
1953 any person employed therein in a position connected with the  
1954 provision of care to a child receiving child day care services,  
1955 immediately upon obtaining knowledge of the conviction. Failure to  
1956 comply with the notification requirement may result in the suspension  
1957 or revocation of the license or the imposition of any action set forth in  
1958 regulation, and shall subject the licensed person to a civil penalty of  
1959 not more than one hundred dollars per day for each day after the  
1960 person obtained knowledge of the conviction.

1961 (c) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking  
1962 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a  
1963 child receiving child day care services to make a false written  
1964 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form

1965 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,  
1966 which statement he does not believe to be true and is intended to  
1967 mislead the prospective employer.

1968 (d) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child day  
1969 care center or a group day care home is operating without a current  
1970 and valid license or in violation of regulations adopted under section  
1971 19a-79 or in a manner which may pose a potential danger to the health,  
1972 welfare and safety of a child receiving child day care services, may  
1973 report such information to the [Department of Public Health] Office of  
1974 Early Childhood. The [department] office shall investigate any report  
1975 or complaint received pursuant to this subsection. The name of the  
1976 person making the report or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1)  
1977 such person consents to such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative  
1978 proceeding results therefrom, or (3) a license action pursuant to  
1979 subsection (a) of this section results therefrom. All records obtained by  
1980 the [department] office in connection with any such investigation shall  
1981 not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty  
1982 days from the date of the petition or other event initiating such  
1983 investigation, or until such time as the investigation is terminated  
1984 pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or until a  
1985 hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A  
1986 formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office shall be  
1987 subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is served  
1988 or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise public  
1989 records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they have  
1990 been obtained in connection with an investigation under this section.

1991 (e) In addition to any powers the [Department of Public Health]  
1992 Office of Early Childhood may have, in any investigation (1)  
1993 concerning an application, reinstatement or renewal of a license for a  
1994 child day care center, a group day care home or a family day care  
1995 home, as such terms are defined in section 19a-77, (2) of a complaint  
1996 concerning child day care services, as described in section 19a-77, or (3)  
1997 concerning the possible provision of unlicensed child day care

1998 services, the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood  
1999 may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order  
2000 the production of books, records and documents. If any person refuses  
2001 to appear, testify or produce any book, record or document when so  
2002 ordered, a judge of the Superior Court may make such order as may be  
2003 appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this section.

2004 Sec. 38. Section 19a-87b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2005 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2006 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,  
2007 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a  
2008 family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, without a license  
2009 issued by the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of  
2010 the Office of Early Childhood. Licensure forms shall be obtained from  
2011 the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood.  
2012 Applications for licensure shall be made to the [commissioner]  
2013 executive director on forms provided by the [department] office and  
2014 shall contain the information required by regulations adopted under  
2015 this section. The licensure and application forms shall contain a notice  
2016 that false statements made therein are punishable in accordance with  
2017 section 53a-157b. Applicants shall state, in writing, that they are in  
2018 compliance with the regulations adopted by the [commissioner]  
2019 executive director pursuant to subsection (f) of this section. Before a  
2020 family day care home license is granted, the [department] office shall  
2021 make an inquiry and investigation which shall include a visit and  
2022 inspection of the premises for which the license is requested. Any  
2023 inspection conducted by the [department] office shall include an  
2024 inspection for evident sources of lead poisoning. The [department]  
2025 office shall provide for a chemical analysis of any paint chips found on  
2026 such premises. Neither the [commissioner] executive director nor the  
2027 [commissioner's] executive director's designee shall require an annual  
2028 inspection for homes seeking license renewal or for licensed homes,  
2029 except that the [commissioner] executive director or the  
2030 [commissioner's] executive director's designee shall make



2031 unannounced visits, during customary business hours, to at least  
2032 thirty-three and one-third per cent of the licensed family day care  
2033 homes each year. A licensed family day care home shall not be subject  
2034 to any conditions on the operation of such home by local officials,  
2035 other than those imposed by the [department] office pursuant to this  
2036 subsection, if the home complies with all local codes and ordinances  
2037 applicable to single and multifamily dwellings.

2038 (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a  
2039 person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in  
2040 section 19a-77, without an approval issued by the [Commissioner of  
2041 Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood. Any  
2042 person seeking to act as an assistant or substitute staff member in a  
2043 family day care home shall submit an application for such approval to  
2044 the [department] office. Applications for approval shall: (1) Be made to  
2045 the [commissioner] executive director on forms provided by the  
2046 [department] office, (2) contain the information required by  
2047 regulations adopted under this section, and (3) be accompanied by a  
2048 fee of twenty dollars. The approval application forms shall contain a  
2049 notice that false statements made in such form are punishable in  
2050 accordance with section 53a-157b.

2051 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
2052 Office of Early Childhood, within available appropriations, shall  
2053 require each initial applicant or prospective employee of a family day  
2054 care home in a position requiring the provision of care to a child,  
2055 including an assistant or substitute staff member, to submit to state  
2056 and national criminal history records checks. The criminal history  
2057 records checks required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted  
2058 in accordance with section 29-17a. The [commissioner] executive  
2059 director shall also request a check of the state child abuse registry  
2060 established pursuant to section 17a-101k. The [commissioner]  
2061 executive director shall notify each licensee of the provisions of this  
2062 subsection.

2063 (d) An application for initial licensure pursuant to this section shall  
2064 be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars and such license shall be  
2065 issued for a term of four years. An application for renewal of a license  
2066 issued pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a fee of forty  
2067 dollars and a certification from the licensee that any child enrolled in  
2068 the family day care home has received age-appropriate immunizations  
2069 in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (f) of  
2070 this section. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed  
2071 for a term of four years.

2072 (e) An application for initial staff approval or renewal of staff  
2073 approval shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Such  
2074 approvals shall be issued or renewed for a term of two years.

2075 (f) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
2076 Office of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
2077 the provisions of chapter 54, to assure that family day care homes, as  
2078 defined in section 19a-77, shall meet the health, educational and social  
2079 needs of children utilizing such homes. Such regulations shall ensure  
2080 that the family day care home is treated as a residence, and not an  
2081 institutional facility. Such regulations shall specify that each child be  
2082 protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization against  
2083 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella,  
2084 hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the  
2085 schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f.  
2086 Such regulations shall provide appropriate exemptions for children for  
2087 whom such immunization is medically contraindicated and for  
2088 children whose parents object to such immunization on religious  
2089 grounds. Such regulations shall also specify conditions under which  
2090 family day care home providers may administer tests to monitor  
2091 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and  
2092 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs  
2093 specified in the regulations by the [commissioner] executive director,  
2094 to a child receiving day care services at a family day care home  
2095 pursuant to a written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine

2096 in this or another state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed  
2097 to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician assistant  
2098 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written  
2099 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child. Such regulations  
2100 shall specify appropriate standards for extended care and intermittent  
2101 short-term overnight care. The [commissioner] executive director shall  
2102 inform each licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided  
2103 not later than sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of any  
2104 new or changed regulations adopted under this subsection with which  
2105 a licensee must comply.

2106 Sec. 39. Section 19a-87c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2107 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2108 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or  
2109 corporation who shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate a family  
2110 day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, without a current and  
2111 valid license shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one  
2112 hundred dollars a day for each day that such home is operated without  
2113 a license.

2114 (b) If the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
2115 Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe that a violation has  
2116 occurred for which a civil penalty is authorized by subsection (a) of  
2117 this section, [he] the executive director may send to such person or  
2118 officer by certified mail, return receipt requested, or personally serve  
2119 upon such person or officer, a notice which shall include: (1) A  
2120 reference to the section or sections of the general statutes or  
2121 regulations involved; (2) a short and plain statement of the matters  
2122 asserted or charged; (3) a statement of the maximum civil penalty  
2123 which may be imposed for such violation; and (4) a statement of the  
2124 party's right to request a hearing. Such request shall be submitted in  
2125 writing to the [commissioner] executive director not later than thirty  
2126 days after the notice is mailed or served.

2127 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the [commissioner]  
2128 executive director shall hold a hearing on the violation asserted. The  
2129 hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If  
2130 such person or officer fails to request a hearing or fails to appear at the  
2131 hearing or if, after the hearing, the [commissioner] executive director  
2132 finds that the person or officer has committed such violation, the  
2133 [commissioner] executive director may, in his or her discretion, order  
2134 that a civil penalty be imposed that is not greater than the penalty  
2135 stated in the notice. The [commissioner] executive director shall send a  
2136 copy of any order issued pursuant to this subsection by certified mail,  
2137 return receipt requested, to the person or officer named in such order.

2138 Sec. 40. Section 19a-87d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2139 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2140 The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
2141 Office of Early Childhood may request the Attorney General to bring  
2142 an action, in the superior court for the judicial district in which such  
2143 home is located, to enjoin any person, group of persons, association,  
2144 organization, corporation, institution or agency, public or private, from  
2145 maintaining a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77,  
2146 without a license or in violation of regulations adopted under section  
2147 19a-87b, and satisfactory proof of the lack of a license or the violation  
2148 of the regulations without more shall entitle the [commissioner]  
2149 executive director to injunctive relief.

2150 Sec. 41. Section 19a-87e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2151 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2152 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the  
2153 Office of Early Childhood may (1) refuse to license under section 19a-  
2154 87b, a person to own, conduct, operate or maintain a family day care  
2155 home, as defined in section 19a-77, (2) refuse to approve under section  
2156 19a-87b, a person to act as an assistant or substitute staff member in a  
2157 family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, or (3) suspend or

2158 revoke the license or approval or take any other action that may be set  
2159 forth in regulation that may be adopted pursuant to section 19a-79 if  
2160 the person who owns, conducts, maintains or operates the family day  
2161 care home, the person who acts as an assistant or substitute staff  
2162 member in a family day care home or a person employed in such  
2163 family day care home in a position connected with the provision of  
2164 care to a child receiving child day care services, has been convicted, in  
2165 this state or any other state of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25,  
2166 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force  
2167 against another person, or has a criminal record in this state or any  
2168 other state that the [commissioner] executive director reasonably  
2169 believes renders the person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or  
2170 maintain or be employed by a family day care home, or act as an  
2171 assistant or substitute staff member in a family day care home, or if  
2172 such persons or a person residing in the household has been convicted  
2173 in this state or any other state of cruelty to persons under section 53-20,  
2174 injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section  
2175 53-21, abandonment of children under the age of six years under  
2176 section 53-23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child  
2177 under eighteen years of age, a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-  
2178 70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, illegal manufacture,  
2179 distribution, sale, prescription, dispensing or administration under  
2180 section 21a-277 or 21a-278, or illegal possession under section 21a-279,  
2181 or if such person, a person who acts as assistant or substitute staff  
2182 member in a family day care home or a person employed in such  
2183 family day care home in a position connected with the provision of  
2184 care to a child receiving child day care services, either fails to  
2185 substantially comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to section  
2186 19a-87b or conducts, operates or maintains the home in a manner  
2187 which endangers the health, safety and welfare of the children  
2188 receiving child day care services. Any refusal of a license or approval  
2189 pursuant to this section shall be rendered in accordance with the  
2190 provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive. Any person whose  
2191 license or approval has been revoked pursuant to this section shall be

2192 ineligible to apply for a license or approval for a period of one year  
2193 from the effective date of revocation.

2194 (b) When the [commissioner] executive director intends to suspend  
2195 or revoke a license or approval or take any other action against a  
2196 license or approval set forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section  
2197 19a-79, the [commissioner] executive director shall notify the licensee  
2198 or approved staff member in writing of the [commissioner's] executive  
2199 director's intended action. The licensee or approved staff member may,  
2200 if aggrieved by such intended action, make application for a hearing in  
2201 writing over the licensee's or approved staff member's signature to the  
2202 [commissioner] executive director. The licensee or approved staff  
2203 member shall state in the application in plain language the reasons  
2204 why the licensee or approved staff member claims to be aggrieved. The  
2205 application shall be delivered to the [commissioner] executive director  
2206 within thirty days of the licensee's or approved staff member's receipt  
2207 of notification of the intended action. The [commissioner] executive  
2208 director shall thereupon hold a hearing within sixty days from receipt  
2209 of such application and shall, at least ten days prior to the date of such  
2210 hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the hearing, to the  
2211 licensee or approved staff member. The provisions of this subsection  
2212 shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a license or  
2213 approval under section 19a-87b, provided the [commissioner]  
2214 executive director shall notify the applicant of any such denial and the  
2215 reasons for such denial by mailing written notice to the applicant at the  
2216 applicant's address shown on the license or approval application.

2217 (c) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a  
2218 family day care home or approved to act as an assistant or substitute  
2219 staff member in a family day care home shall notify the  
2220 [commissioner] executive director of any conviction of the owner,  
2221 conductor, operator or maintainer of the family day care home or of  
2222 any person residing in the household or any person employed in such  
2223 family day care home in a position connected with the provision of  
2224 care to a child receiving child day care services, of a crime which

2225 affects the [commissioner's] executive director's discretion under  
2226 subsection (a) of this section, immediately upon obtaining knowledge  
2227 of such conviction. Failure to comply with the notification requirement  
2228 of this subsection may result in the suspension or revocation of the  
2229 license or approval or the taking of any other action against a license or  
2230 approval set forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-79  
2231 and shall subject the licensee or approved staff member to a civil  
2232 penalty of not more than one hundred dollars per day for each day  
2233 after the person obtained knowledge of the conviction.

2234 (d) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking  
2235 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a  
2236 child receiving family day care home services to make a false written  
2237 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form  
2238 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,  
2239 which statement such person does not believe to be true and is  
2240 intended to mislead the prospective employer.

2241 (e) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a family day  
2242 care home, as defined in section 19a-77, is operating without a current  
2243 and valid license or in violation of the regulations adopted under  
2244 section 19a-87b or in a manner which may pose a potential danger to  
2245 the health, welfare and safety of a child receiving child day care  
2246 services, may report such information to [any office of the Department  
2247 of Public Health] the Office of Early Childhood. The [department]  
2248 office shall investigate any report or complaint received pursuant to  
2249 this subsection. The name of the person making the report or  
2250 complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1) such person consents to  
2251 such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative proceeding results from  
2252 such report or complaint, or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection  
2253 (a) of this section results from such report or complaint. All records  
2254 obtained by the [department] office in connection with any such  
2255 investigation shall not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a  
2256 period of thirty days from the date of the petition or other event  
2257 initiating such investigation, or until such time as the investigation is

2258 terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or  
2259 until a hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is  
2260 earlier. A formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office  
2261 shall be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is  
2262 served or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise  
2263 public records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they  
2264 have been obtained in connection with an investigation under this  
2265 section.

2266 Sec. 42. Section 8-210 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2267 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2268 (a) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of  
2269 Social Services or the [Commissioner of Education] executive director  
2270 of the Office of Early Childhood, as appropriate, may enter into a  
2271 contract with a municipality or a qualified private, nonprofit  
2272 corporation for state financial assistance for the planning, construction,  
2273 renovation, site preparation and purchase of improved or unimproved  
2274 property as part of a capital development project for neighborhood  
2275 facilities. Such facilities may include, but are not limited to, child day  
2276 care facilities, elderly centers, multipurpose human resource centers,  
2277 emergency shelters for the homeless and shelters for victims of  
2278 domestic violence. The financial assistance shall be in the form of state  
2279 grants-in-aid equal to (1) all or any portion of the cost of such capital  
2280 development project if the grantee is a qualified private nonprofit  
2281 corporation, or (2) up to two-thirds of the cost of such capital  
2282 development project if the grantee is a municipality, as determined by  
2283 the Commissioner of Social Services or the [Commissioner of  
2284 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, as  
2285 appropriate.

2286 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of  
2287 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, may  
2288 enter into a contract with a municipality, a human resource  
2289 development agency or a nonprofit corporation for state financial



2290 assistance in developing and operating child day care centers for  
2291 children disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social or  
2292 environmental conditions, provided no such financial assistance shall  
2293 be available for the operating costs of any such day care center unless  
2294 it has been licensed by the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive  
2295 director of the Office of Early Childhood pursuant to section 19a-80.  
2296 Such financial assistance shall be available for a program of a  
2297 municipality, of a human resource development agency or of a  
2298 nonprofit corporation which may provide for personnel, equipment,  
2299 supplies, activities, program materials and renovation and remodeling  
2300 of physical facilities of such day care centers. Such contract shall  
2301 provide for state financial assistance, within available appropriations,  
2302 in the form of a state grant-in-aid (1) for a portion of the cost of such  
2303 program as determined by the [Commissioner of Education] executive  
2304 director of the Office of Early Childhood, if not federally assisted, or  
2305 (2) equal to one-half of the amount by which the net cost of such  
2306 program as approved by the [Commissioner of Education] executive  
2307 director of the Office of Early Childhood exceeds the federal grant-in-  
2308 aid thereof. The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the  
2309 Office of Early Childhood may authorize child day care centers  
2310 provided financial assistance pursuant to this subsection to apply a  
2311 program surplus to the next program year. The [Commissioner of  
2312 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall  
2313 consult with directors of child day care centers in establishing fees for  
2314 the operation of such centers.

2315 (c) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, in  
2316 consultation with representatives from child care centers, within  
2317 available appropriations, shall develop guidelines for state-contracted  
2318 child care center programs. The guidelines shall include standards for  
2319 program quality and design and identify short and long-term  
2320 outcomes for families participating in such programs. The  
2321 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, within available  
2322 appropriations, shall provide a copy of such guidelines to each state-

2323 contracted child care center. Each state-contracted child care center  
2324 shall use the guidelines to develop a program improvement plan for  
2325 the next twelve-month period and shall submit the plan to the  
2326 [department] office. The plan shall include goals to be used for  
2327 measuring such improvement. The [department] office shall use the  
2328 plan to monitor the progress of the center.

2329 (d) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner  
2330 of Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may  
2331 enter into a contract with a municipality, a human resource  
2332 development agency or a nonprofit corporation for state financial  
2333 assistance for a project of renovation of any child day care facility  
2334 receiving assistance pursuant to the provisions of this section, to make  
2335 such facility accessible to the physically disabled, in the form of a state  
2336 grant-in-aid equal to (1) the total net cost of the project as approved by  
2337 the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of  
2338 Early Childhood, or (2) the total amount by which the net cost of the  
2339 project as approved by the [Commissioner of Education] executive  
2340 director of the Office of Early Childhood exceeds the federal grant-in-  
2341 aid thereof.

2342 (e) Any municipality, human resource development agency or  
2343 nonprofit corporation which enters into a contract pursuant to this  
2344 section for state financial assistance for a day care facility shall have  
2345 sole responsibility for the development of the budget of the day care  
2346 program, including, but not limited to, personnel costs, purchases of  
2347 equipment, supplies, activities and program materials, within the  
2348 resources provided by the state under said contract. Upon local  
2349 determination of a change in the type of day care service required in  
2350 the area, a municipality, human resource development agency or  
2351 nonprofit corporation may, within the limits of its annual budget and  
2352 subject to the provisions of this subsection and sections 19a-77 to 19a-  
2353 80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, change its day care  
2354 service. An application to change the type of child day care service  
2355 provided shall be submitted to the [Commissioner of Education]

2356 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood. Not later than  
2357 forty-five days after the [Commissioner of Education] executive  
2358 director of the Office of Early Childhood receives the application, the  
2359 [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of Early  
2360 Childhood shall advise the municipality, human resource  
2361 development agency or nonprofit corporation of the [Commissioner of  
2362 Education's] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood's  
2363 approval, denial or approval with modifications of the application. If  
2364 the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of  
2365 Early Childhood fails to act on the application not later than forty-five  
2366 days after the application's submittal, the application shall be deemed  
2367 approved.

2368 (f) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office  
2369 of Early Childhood may, in his discretion, with the approval of the  
2370 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management authorize the  
2371 expenditure of such funds for the purposes of this section as shall  
2372 enable the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the  
2373 Office of Early Childhood to apply for, qualify for and provide the  
2374 state's share of a federally assisted day care program.

2375 Sec. 43. Subsection (a) of section 10a-194c of the general statutes is  
2376 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2377 *1, 2014*):

2378 (a) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority  
2379 shall establish a program to finance low interest loans for child care  
2380 and child development centers, family resource centers and Head Start  
2381 programs that shall be known as the Connecticut Child Care Facilities  
2382 Program. Loans shall be made for the purpose of new construction or  
2383 renovation of existing centers or complying with federal, state and  
2384 local child care requirements, including health and safety standards.  
2385 For purposes of this section, "child development center" means a  
2386 building used by a nonprofit school readiness program, as defined in  
2387 section 10-16p, and "child care center" means a nonprofit facility that is

2388 licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early  
2389 Childhood as a child day care center or a group day care home, both as  
2390 defined in section 19a-77.

2391 Sec. 44. Section 12-634 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2393 The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against  
2394 any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or  
2395 212 in an amount not to exceed sixty per cent of the total cash amount  
2396 invested during the taxable year by the business firm in programs  
2397 operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to  
2398 section 12-632 for planning, site preparation, construction, renovation  
2399 or acquisition of facilities for purposes of establishing a child day care  
2400 facility to be used primarily by the children of such business firm's  
2401 employees and equipment installed for such facility, including kitchen  
2402 appliances, to the extent that such equipment or appliances are  
2403 necessary in the use of such facility for purposes of child day care,  
2404 provided: (1) Such facility is operated under the authority of a license  
2405 issued by the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of  
2406 the Office of Early Childhood in accordance with sections 19a-77 to  
2407 19a-87, inclusive, (2) such facility is operated without profit by such  
2408 business firm related to any charges imposed for the use of such  
2409 facility for purposes of child day care, and (3) the amount of tax credit  
2410 allowed any business firm under the provisions of this section for any  
2411 income year may not exceed fifty thousand dollars. If two or more  
2412 business firms share in the cost of establishing such a facility for the  
2413 children of their employees, each such taxpayer shall be allowed such  
2414 credit in relation to the respective share, paid or incurred by such  
2415 taxpayer, of the total expenditures for the facility in such income year.  
2416 The commissioner shall not grant a credit pursuant to this section to  
2417 any taxpayer claiming a credit for the same year pursuant to section  
2418 12-217x.

2419 Sec. 45. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the general statutes is

2420 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2421 *1, 2014*):

2422 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any  
2423 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any  
2424 resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not  
2425 so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical  
2426 examiner, dentist, dental hygienist or psychologist, a school employee,  
2427 as defined in section 53a-65, social worker, police officer, juvenile or  
2428 adult probation officer, juvenile or adult parole officer, member of the  
2429 clergy, pharmacist, physical therapist, optometrist, chiropractor,  
2430 podiatrist, mental health professional or physician assistant, any  
2431 person who is a licensed or certified emergency medical services  
2432 provider, any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug  
2433 counselor, any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist,  
2434 any person who is a sexual assault counselor or a battered women's  
2435 counselor, as defined in section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed  
2436 professional counselor, any person who is a licensed foster parent, any  
2437 person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child  
2438 day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed  
2439 by the state, any employee of the Department of Children and  
2440 Families, any employee of the [Department of Public Health] Office of  
2441 Early Childhood who is responsible for the licensing of child day care  
2442 centers, group day care homes [,] or family day care homes, [or] any  
2443 employee of the Department of Public Health who is responsible for  
2444 the licensing of youth camps, the Child Advocate and any employee of  
2445 the Office of the Child Advocate and any family relations counselor,  
2446 family relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor  
2447 employed by the Judicial Department.

2448 Sec. 46. Subsection (b) of section 17b-90 of the general statutes is  
2449 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2450 *1, 2014*):

2451 (b) No person shall, except for purposes directly connected with the

2452 administration of programs of the Department of Social Services and in  
2453 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose,  
2454 receive or make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in  
2455 or acquiesce in the use of, any list of the names of, or any information  
2456 concerning, persons applying for or receiving assistance from the  
2457 Department of Social Services or persons participating in a program  
2458 administered by said department, directly or indirectly derived from  
2459 the records, papers, files or communications of the state or its  
2460 subdivisions or agencies, or acquired in the course of the performance  
2461 of official duties. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disclose (1)  
2462 to any authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner such  
2463 information directly related to unemployment compensation,  
2464 administered pursuant to chapter 567 or information necessary for  
2465 implementation of sections 17b-688b, 17b-688c and 17b-688h and  
2466 section 122 of public act 97-2 of the June 18 special session\*, (2) to any  
2467 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and  
2468 Addiction Services any information necessary for the implementation  
2469 and operation of the basic needs supplement program or the Medicaid  
2470 program for low-income adults, established pursuant to section 17b-  
2471 261n, (3) to any authorized representative of the Commissioner of  
2472 Administrative Services or the Commissioner of Emergency Services  
2473 and Public Protection such information as the Commissioner of Social  
2474 Services determines is directly related to and necessary for the  
2475 Department of Administrative Services or the Department of  
2476 Emergency Services and Public Protection for purposes of performing  
2477 their functions of collecting social services recoveries and  
2478 overpayments or amounts due as support in social services cases,  
2479 investigating social services fraud or locating absent parents of public  
2480 assistance recipients, (4) to any authorized representative of the  
2481 Commissioner of Children and Families necessary information  
2482 concerning a child or the immediate family of a child receiving services  
2483 from the Department of Social Services, including safety net services, if  
2484 the Commissioner of Children and Families or the Commissioner of  
2485 Social Services has determined that imminent danger to such child's

2486 health, safety or welfare exists to target the services of the family  
2487 services programs administered by the Department of Children and  
2488 Families, (5) to a town official or other contractor or authorized  
2489 representative of the Labor Commissioner such information  
2490 concerning an applicant for or a recipient of assistance under state-  
2491 administered general assistance deemed necessary by the  
2492 Commissioner of Social Services and the Labor Commissioner to carry  
2493 out their respective responsibilities to serve such persons under the  
2494 programs administered by the Labor Department that are designed to  
2495 serve applicants for or recipients of state-administered general  
2496 assistance, (6) to any authorized representative of the Commissioner of  
2497 Mental Health and Addiction Services for the purposes of the  
2498 behavioral health managed care program established by section 17a-  
2499 453, (7) to any authorized representative of the [Commissioner of  
2500 Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood to  
2501 carry out his or her respective responsibilities under programs that  
2502 regulate child day care services or to any authorized representative of  
2503 the Commissioner of Public Health to carry out his or her respective  
2504 responsibilities under programs that regulate youth camps, (8) to a  
2505 health insurance provider, in IV-D support cases, as defined in  
2506 subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231, information  
2507 concerning a child and the custodial parent of such child that is  
2508 necessary to enroll such child in a health insurance plan available  
2509 through such provider when the noncustodial parent of such child is  
2510 under court order to provide health insurance coverage but is unable  
2511 to provide such information, provided the Commissioner of Social  
2512 Services determines, after providing prior notice of the disclosure to  
2513 such custodial parent and an opportunity for such parent to object,  
2514 that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child, (9) to any  
2515 authorized representative of the Department of Correction, in IV-D  
2516 support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of  
2517 section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial parents that is  
2518 necessary to identify inmates or parolees with IV-D support cases who  
2519 may benefit from Department of Correction educational, training, skill

2520 building, work or rehabilitation programming that will significantly  
2521 increase an inmate's or parolee's ability to fulfill such inmate's support  
2522 obligation, (10) to any authorized representative of the Judicial Branch,  
2523 in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b)  
2524 of section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial parents that is  
2525 necessary to: (A) Identify noncustodial parents with IV-D support  
2526 cases who may benefit from educational, training, skill building, work  
2527 or rehabilitation programming that will significantly increase such  
2528 parent's ability to fulfill such parent's support obligation, (B) assist in  
2529 the administration of the Title IV-D child support program, or (C)  
2530 assist in the identification of cases involving family violence, or (11) to  
2531 any authorized representative of the State Treasurer, in IV-D support  
2532 cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-  
2533 231, information that is necessary to identify child support obligors  
2534 who owe overdue child support prior to the Treasurer's payment of  
2535 such obligors' claim for any property unclaimed or presumed  
2536 abandoned under part III of chapter 32. No such representative shall  
2537 disclose any information obtained pursuant to this section, except as  
2538 specified in this section. Any applicant for assistance provided through  
2539 said department shall be notified that, if and when such applicant  
2540 receives benefits, the department will be providing law enforcement  
2541 officials with the address of such applicant upon the request of any  
2542 such official pursuant to section 17b-16a.

2543 Sec. 47. Section 17b-730 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2544 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2545 (a) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the  
2546 Office of Early Childhood is authorized to take advantage of any  
2547 federal statutes and regulations relating to child day care and shall  
2548 have the power to administer any federally-assisted child day care  
2549 program in the event that said federal statutes or regulations require  
2550 that said federally-assisted program be administered by a single state  
2551 agency.



2552 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the  
2553 Office of Early Childhood is authorized to take advantage of Title V of  
2554 Public Law 88-452, entitled "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964", with  
2555 respect to providing work training, aid and assistance to persons  
2556 eligible for state-administered general assistance or public assistance,  
2557 and to administer the same in such manner as is required for the  
2558 receipt of federal funds therefor.

2559 Sec. 48. Section 17b-737 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2560 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2561 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the  
2562 Office of Early Childhood shall establish a program, within available  
2563 appropriations, to provide grants to municipalities, boards of  
2564 education and child care providers to encourage the use of school  
2565 facilities for the provision of child day care services before and after  
2566 school. In order to qualify for a grant, a municipality, board of  
2567 education or child care provider shall guarantee the availability of a  
2568 school site which meets the standards set on or before June 30, 2014,  
2569 by the Department of Public Health and on and after July 1, 2014, by  
2570 the Office of Early Childhood, in regulations adopted under sections  
2571 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80 and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, and shall agree  
2572 to provide liability insurance coverage for the program. Grant funds  
2573 shall be used by the municipality, board of education or child care  
2574 provider for the maintenance and utility costs directly attributable to  
2575 the use of the school facility for the day care program, for related  
2576 transportation costs and for the portion of the municipality, board of  
2577 education or child care provider liability insurance cost and other  
2578 operational costs directly attributable to the day care program. The  
2579 municipality or board of education may contract with a child day care  
2580 provider for the program. The [Commissioner of Social Services]  
2581 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may adopt  
2582 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for  
2583 purposes of this section. The [commissioner] executive director may  
2584 utilize available child care subsidies to implement the provisions of

2585 this section and encourage association and cooperation with the Head  
 2586 Start program established pursuant to section 10-16n.

2587 Sec. 49. Section 10-16y of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 2588 *July 1, 2013*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	4-5
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-266p(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16n
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16p
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16q
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16r
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16s
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16u
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16w
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16z
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16aa
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-2
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-705(c), (d) and (e)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-733
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-749
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-12
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-751
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-751a
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-751d
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-751e
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-248
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-248b
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-248c(a)
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-248d(d)
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-248g(d) and (e)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-28(g)(11)
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-77

Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-79
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-80
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-80f
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-82
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-86
Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87a
Sec. 38	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87b
Sec. 39	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87c
Sec. 40	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87d
Sec. 41	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87e
Sec. 42	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	8-210
Sec. 43	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-194c(a)
Sec. 44	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	12-634
Sec. 45	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-101(b)
Sec. 46	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-90(b)
Sec. 47	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-730
Sec. 48	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-737
Sec. 49	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*